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Dear family in Christ, thank you for helping us spread the Gospel out where the people are!

A Jewish student organization was giving out free cupcakes to the students at BU in celebration of Israel's 77th birthday. As we were setting up in our normal spot, Eric walked over to let them know that we love the state of Israel and believe it is a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. This led to some wonderful conversations with different groups of Jews throughout the day. As they stopped by across the sidewalk, some would see our sketch board and the "Am Israel Chi" hoodie I happened to be wearing. (Had no idea there was a celebration planned that day. God is so cool).

Two of my favorite conversations were with Daniel and Yanai, two Israelis who had tons of great questions. "I know the terms Protestant and Catholic," said Yanai, "but there is one large group of Christians with a different name that really supports Israel. What is their name?"



I replied, "It's generally the Christians who actually read their Bible and believe it. Not only do they love the Messiah of Israel, but also the land of Israel and the people of Israel." This led to a good discussion about how it was similar in Jesus' day. Those who actually studied the Scriptures recognized the prophecies about the Messiah coming true right in front of their eyes when they saw Jesus.

In a similar way, when people today actually study the prophecies of the Scriptures, they recognize the modern state of Israel as a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy, and an indication that Jesus' second coming is very soon.

I got to share the Gospel with both Yanai and Daniel, and have them copies of the "A Jew and His God," a tract written by my friend Mark who is a Jew that believes in Jesus. Before Daniel packed up and left for the day, he thanked me for supporting them and showed me the tract in his coat pocket, saying "I'm keeping this close to my heart."

Please pray for the children of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who the Lord is now drawing by His Spirit and by the ancient prophecies of Scripture. Pray that the Lord would breathe life into these precious people, formerly dry scattered bones, but now regathered and reconstituted right in front of our eyes, that they might receive new life in Jesus the Messiah.



Chloe asked Ethan if he had thought about the question on the tract, "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" He said he had a lot. She asked what he thought and he asked what good news we were sharing. "The Gospel" she replied. "Which is?" He asked. Chloe explained, "That Jesus who is God came down to earth and lived a perfect life, then died for our sins because He loved us and wanted a relationship with us. Then He rose again, proving that He broke the power of sin and death. He is the only way to heaven, and if you believe in Him you can have eternal life and a relationship with God. But you need to turn from your sin and trust in Him. Would you like that?"

"I would but I don't want to repent just to fall back into sin again. That seems hypocritical"

Chloe explained the difference between pridefully continuing in sin and humbly walking and stumbling along the way. He understood and she told Him that Jesus loves him and wants a relationship with him no matter how many times he sins and goes astray. He can always come back to God's love. He just has to make the decision to take His hand and enter that relationship with Him. She asked if he wanted that and he said yes. She asked if he believes Jesus is who He said He is and restated the Gospel. He said he did. She explained that that trust in Jesus is the only way, quoting John 3:16.

Chloe asked Ethan if he wanted to pray and he asked her to pray for him. She prayed that this decision wouldn't just be a today thing but that he would grow closer to God every day and pursue a deeper relationship with Him learning more about the depth of His love. She prayed also that he would have the courage to share the good news with others too. She ended the conversation by encouraging him to read the Bible (he has one at home) starting in the Book of John. He thanked us for what we were doing and said it was a shame so many people had hard hearts towards the Gospel and encouraged us to keep it up.

Please pray for Ethan that he will place his faith in Christ to save him, and be able to walk in purity by the power of the Holy Spirit.



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“So...You’re wearing this shirt, but telling people about Jesus...Help me understand, because it doesn’t seem to square in my mind,” said Jared, a Jewish student at BU.

I shared the prophecy of Ezekiel about the regathering and resurrection of the dry bones of the house of Israel, and how we are seeing the beginning of that prophecy taking place with the establishment of Israel. “Am Israel Chai” (The People of Israel Live) is the anthem of that prophecy, but the next part is the best. Soon we will see God breathe His Spirit into His chosen people and they will come to faith in their Messiah, Yeshua (Jesus).

Wow did we have an amazing conversation along these lines. Jared, who had introduced himself as “a scientist who basically lives as an atheist” had tons of good questions and concluded our conversation by thanking me and saying “maybe I should start talking to some more spiritual people.” Please pray that the Lord brings other believers across his path to confirm the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah to him.

Hassan was a very nice Muslim from Somalia. He said “The Koran talks about Jesus.” I asked him, “Tell me what the Koran says about Him.”
“He is God’s messenger.”
“Have you read His message?” I asked.
“No.”
“Why not?”
“We do not believe what Christians believe about Jesus. We do not believe He is the son of Allah, because Allah has no son.”

“I agree that Allah has no son, because Allah is not the God of the Bible, I replied. “The god of the Koran has no Son, but the God of Bible does. The god of the Koran is not a Father, but the God of the Bible is. The god of the Koran was not crucified, but the God of the Bible was. The god of the Koran did not rise from the dead, but the God of the Bible did. It is obvious that the god of the Koran and the God of the Bible are not the same. My encouragement is to get to know the only One True and Living God, the God of the Bible.” Please pray that he does.



This young man from Germany thought everyone should go to Heaven. I asked him, “Even Hitler?” He waffled at that, as most do, because deep-down we all have a God-given sense of justice that knows God should punish wickedness. But he replied, “Just because we have a justice system where criminals are punished doesn’t mean that God should do the same.”
I asked him, “Would God truly be loving if He let criminals loose in Heaven to continue their criminal activity: murdering, stealing, and lying to the innocent for all eternity? Not at all. Only a horribly corrupt judge would do that. And God is not corrupt. He’s perfect and holy. He can’t let the guilty go unpunished. But the problem is that we are all guilty. So what we need is to be transformed. We need to be born again and have our desires changed.” “I think my God is different than your God,” he said.

I pointed to the Ten Commandments tablets and said, “What you’ve just done has to do with the second Commandment. You’ve created an idol by making up a god in your mind that doesn’t punish the guilty, a god that doesn’t exist by the way. The God of all creation commands us not to do that. He is very real and you will stand before Him one day. I pray that you would trust in His Messiah, Jesus Christ, and be born again so that you will stand before Him one day as His friend and not His enemy.”
Please pray for this young man that he would read the Gospel of John we gave him, repent of his sin, and trust in Christ to save him.



“I met a witch once,” said Ari, a student from the Ukrainian. “Since then, I’ve heard that you should never look a witch in the eye, is that true?”
(This question came after I shared my testimony of how Jesus set me free from the occult.) I replied, “The Bible says that your eyes are the window to you soul. What did you see when you looked her in the eye?”
“It felt like she was eating my soul. It creeped me out,” she said.
“The Bible says that Satan comes only to steal, kill and destroy. You got a small glimpse of his wickedness in meeting one of his servants. Jesus is the exact opposite. He comes to bring life and life more abundantly. He is love incarnate. He loves you more than you can imagine, and He doesn’t want you to perish. He wants to give your soul eternal life! Let me ask you a question, if your eyes are simply the window to your soul, how much more valuable is your eternal soul?”
I encouraged Ari to seek Jesus, the way the truth and the life. Please pray that she does.

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I spoke to Vikki and Sophia last week at BU. They were wondering what the next step was for them in their walk with Christ. I asked how often they shared their faith, and Vikki said, “Not very often. That’s something I want to work on.”

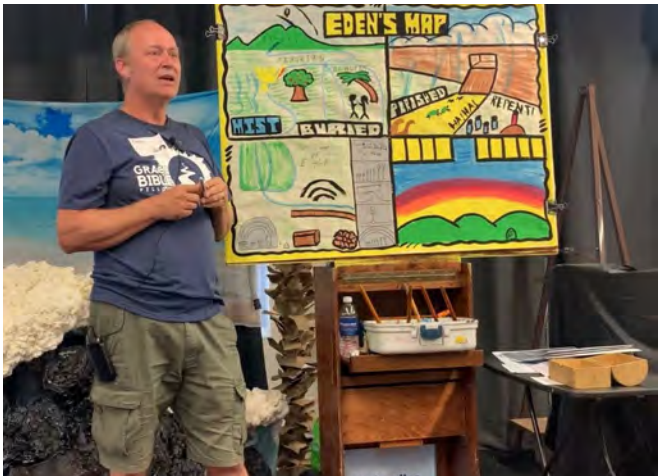
I encouraged them that if we want to have an overcoming faith, we need to learn to share the Gospel. The Bible says that “they overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” So if we want to overcome, first we need to get a revelation of the power of the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from our sin, then we share the testimony with people about how Jesus set us free. If we begin to do this on a regular basis, we will lose our fear of death, and walk in victory over the devil.

I pointed them to a good evangelism training YouTube channel (Ray Comfort) and handed them some tracts, challenging them to hand them out over the next week or so.



THE COOL THING is that I bumped into Vikki again a week later, and she was so excited! She had taken the challenge to heart and had just started a Gospel conversation with a friend of hers. It went so well that she invited her friend to church for the Good Friday service and her friend said she would go with her! How awesome is that!

Please pray for Vikki and Sophia as they step out in faith to share Jesus with those around them. Then pray Jesus would give you the boldness to do the same!



I got to share about one of my favorite Bible topics at our church’s Kids Week! Did you know that the search for the actual location of the Garden of Eden was once an extremely popular venture? It’s literally what drove Columbus to “sail the ocean blue” in 1492. Yup, he was looking for Eden.

My pastor was so gracious to let me incorporate my fun little research hobby into a paint board Gospel presentation and it turned out pretty good. Please pray for all the little ones who heard about God’s creation all week long in lesson after lesson from an amazing group of volunteers.



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Jeremiah was a believer, but Rose not so much. I shared the Gospel with them, and also about how Jesus fulfilled over 300 Bible prophecies when He came the first time, and how there's more about His second coming yet to be fulfilled. I also shared about a prophecy from Jeremiah that we might be seeing fulfilled right before our eyes today, about God taking out the leadership of Iran (Jeremiah 49:37-39). What a shame for those who ignore Bible prophecy! Its such a powerful and oft neglected witnessing tool, but one that the early church used all the time
 They were fascinated to hear that the Bible is the only Holy Book on the planet that speaks history in advance, and gets it right every single time. I asked if I could pray for them about anything and they said yes. Please pray that both would come to know the Lord Jesus as they study His amazing Word, the Holy Bible.



I love Community Day!! Had so many conversations I got hoarse! My favorite moment was when, after I shared the Gospel with him, I asked a young man, "Why do you think it's so difficult to turn away from sin and place our trust in Christ?" He answered, "It's hard to trust something you can't see."

I told him, "You hit the nail on the head. One of Jesus' own disciples struggled with doubt. He said 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' His name was Thomas. After Jesus appeared to him He said, ' Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' So my encouragement to you is to take that step of faith, turn from your sin and trust in Christ, even though you can't see Him."
 I asked him what his name is and he said, "Thomas."

Not even kidding. Isn't God cool?
 Please pray that Thomas would stop doubting and believe the Gospel message we shared with him. Pray that He would read the Gospel of John we gave him. And pray that, just as "Doubting Thomas" did, he would and come to know Jesus as his Lord and his God.



It was fun talking to Rick, as he seemed to have a pretty extensive understanding of church history. Unfortunately, like many different sects, he believes that his sect is the "one true church," and everyone else's is false. He admitted that his trust was more in the Greek Orthodox Church than in the Scriptures alone, believing that somehow God needs one particular institution to interpret Scripture for us.

I encouraged him that a building can't interpret Scripture, and neither can an organization simply because it's old. In fact, the older an institution is, the more time it's had to become apostate. The Apostle John himself had to deal with Gnosticism creeping into the church within his own lifetime. How much more should we be on guard against false doctrines creeping in to our institutions, such as baptismal regeneration and praying to saints (both of which the Greek Orthodox embrace). One good way to guard against this is to teach the Scriptures line by line, chapter by chapter, book by book. It's harder to veer off into false doctrine when you have to be able to teach on every doctrine in the Bible (in context), not just your favorites.

Please pray for Rick that he would transfer his faith from his institution to Christ alone.



Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Here are some prayer needs going into the new year:

- Pray for Chris's dad who is in the late stages of Alzheimer's and for his stepmother as she cares for him.
- Pray for sufficient side work to come in while we take steps towards full time ministry.
- Pray that we can schedule some kids' clubs with area churches this summer and for teen and adult volunteers to help. (If your church is interested in a kids' club or sending people to help, give me a call.)
- Pray for Chris and Chloe as they preach God's Word and minister one on one with people in the Boston subways, college campuses and Hampton Beach.
- Prayerfully consider becoming one of our monthly financial partners.

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