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Ray Comfort – An Open and Loving Rebuke!

Ray Comfort has been a great blessing to God's Church as he has been used to call us back to employing God's Law (**Galatians 3:24**) as the proper method to lead lost people to salvation in Christ (**1 Timothy 1:8-11**). We love the 180 video (though no graphic pictures of babies) which is a powerful call to repentance for the murder of God's precious preborn children. We use many of his materials and tracts and pass them out at almost all of our venues. We do, however, take issue with Ray's "new" technique for witnessing at abortion mills. You will find Ray's article below and Adam Tennant's and my responses below that. All have been edited for space.

How to Share the Gospel with Homosexuals, and Someone Who is About to Kill Her Baby by Ray Comfort

I was flying from Los Angeles to Miami when I found myself sitting next to two women. Sarah was sitting closest to me. She was 29, inappropriately dressed, with a ring through her nose, and she wasn't the friendliest person I have sat next to on a plane. After we took off I couldn't help but notice that her friend kept kissing her on the cheek, holding her hand, and rubbing her shoulder. They were gay, and that little revelation lifted my planned witnessing encounter up a big notch on the awkward-meter. *I really didn't want an angry gay couple complaining to the airline (and the media) that I was a homophobic fundamentalist, imposing my hate-speech by saying that they were going to Hell because they were gay.*

I waited until she had eaten, finished her movie, and simply said, "Sarah. I have a question for you. Do you think there's an afterlife?" She wasn't sure, so I asked, "If Heaven exists, are you going there? Are you a good person?" She predictably said she was, so I took her through three of the Ten Commandments—had she lied, stolen, and taken God's name in vain? She had broken all three, so we then looked at whether or not she would be guilty on Judgment Day... I then shared the cross, and the necessity for repentance and faith in Jesus. I didn't mention her sexual orientation; I didn't need to nor did I want to. I simply shared the moral Law (the Ten Commandments)—because the Bible says that the Law was "made" for homosexuals—see 1 Timothy 1:8-10. *She wasn't offended, and I kept her friendship and stayed out of jail.*

Trying to witness to someone who is about to take the life of her child is also high on the awkward list. It's awkward, mainly because the mind of this person is preoccupied with what she is about to do and therefore it's difficult to get her attention. However, if she would stop and talk I would handle the situation similarly to my conversation with Sarah. The reason for that is that I don't want to reform people. I didn't want Sarah to stop being gay and end up in Hell for her lying, theft and blasphemy. I don't want to just stop a woman from killing her child, and have her go to Hell for her other sins. With God's help I want to see more than a change of mind. I want to see a change of heart...

Those who abort the life of their children are "idolaters," illustrated in the fact that their god condones the taking of a human life. They have no fear of God before their eyes. So your agenda, with the help of God, is to stir her God-given conscience to do its duty and put the fear of God within her, and you can do that, as I did with Sarah and the gay issue, *without even mentioning the elephant in the room—the impending abortion...*

Think of David and Nathan the prophet. David had coveted his neighbor's wife, stolen her, lived a lie, committed adultery and murdered her husband. He had violated the Ten Commandments but he wasn't too worried. His conscience wasn't doing its duty. God had commissioned Nathan to expose the king's terrible sin. The faithful preacher began in the natural realm with a story about the theft and slaughter of a poor man's lamb, and when David became indignant about that man's sin, Nathan said, "YOU are that man. Why have you despised the Commandment of the Lord?" And that's when David cried, "I have sinned against God."

E-mailed to Ray Comfort on May 25, 2013 from Adam Tennant: Dear Ray, in your newsletter, you gave examples of how we should witness to homosexuals and abortion-minded women.

You said that we should not mention the "*elephant in the room*," but we should just share the moral law with them. I disagree. The Holy Spirit deals specifically with sin and so should we. Jesus dealt specifically with sin (rich young ruler and woman at the well) and so should we. Unfortunately, in this day, the apostate church has taught homosexuals that lust is what is wrong with homosexuality. If they love each other, there is nothing wrong with it. By skirting the issue, you affirmed what Sarah and her friend had possibly already been taught: that as long as they were faithful in their relationship, they were good to go. Can we not lovingly confront them with their homosexuality? Jesus confronted the rich young ruler with his idolatry without saying, "you're going to Hell because you're an idolater." You kind of misrepresented those of us who lovingly confront homosexuals.

As someone who stands on the front-lines and ministers to abortion-minded men and women, I must say that you kind of threw us under the bus on this one. There are many Christians (many of us love your ministry and practice the methods you teach) who go to abortion mills and preach the Gospel to moms and dads who are about to kill their babies. Perhaps you have never considered that an abortion mill provides the perfect atmosphere to illustrate true repentance.

Here you have a woman who has set her mind toward having an abortion. However, God is fully opposed to such an act. This shows us the struggle of a woman who wants to do what is right in her own eyes, yet is confronted with repenting and doing what is right in God's eyes. What a beautiful example of repentance when a woman forsakes all of her fears about what might happen from here on out if she chooses life, and surrenders her life to doing what is right. That is why we see so many women, who choose to keep their child, repent and trust in Christ. The act of turning away from abortion is an act of surrender. She is soft and broken now; ready to cry out to the Lord in repentance for his beautiful salvation. She has been confronted with her specific sin.

Flip Benham's Response to Ray's Article, 25 May, 2013

We thank God for Ray too. He has been powerfully used by the Lord. The first time I saw him was years ago, on a video at a Bill Gothard, "Pastors Institute" in Dallas, Texas. He spoke ever so clearly about using the law of God to bring people to Christ – **Galatians 3:24**. I knew he was my kind of a guy. He was sounding a trumpet that we all need to hear. We use his materials and pass out his tracts wherever we go. Though I was miffed by the fact that he did not use graphic pictures of aborted children in his great video – 180 (he had no difficulty showing the graphic pictures of the dead corpses of Jews stacked like cords of wood outside Hitler's death camps), I chalked it up to Ray wanting a larger audience to realize the horrible truth of abortion. We now pass out this video at several venues. It is good – but the *elephant in the room* was totally ignored. No graphic pictures of aborted babies. Why? A larger audience and a softer message.

He is, however, relatively new to proclaiming the Gospel of Christ at abortion mills. I really don't know that he has ever done so. But his article really took the wind out of my sails for a moment. I felt betrayed. It was like someone hit me in the back with a baseball bat taking all the breath out of my lungs. I was gasping as I realized his faulty conclusion. His "*Either/Or*" logical fallacy needs to be adjusted and adjusted quickly. Here it is: "*I really didn't want an angry gay couple complaining to the airline (and the media) that I was a homophobic fundamentalist, imposing my hate-speech by saying that they were going to Hell because they were gay.*"

Ray presumes that if he had broached the Gospel subject in any other way than he did i.e., not dealing with the sin that was staring him in the face, then he would have immediately lost his audience. He would have been thrown off the plane or thrown in jail and the media would have branded him a homophobic, fundamentalist, hater. It's either one or the other – *Either/Or* logical fallacy. Could it be that God's way is a little bit of both?

There are ways of bringing an individual to the knowledge of sin in his life without browbeating him with Bible verses but nevertheless bringing him face to face with his own sin. The very best way, "The Way of the Master," is to expose the sin at hand – not ignore it! To ignore it at an abortion mill is deadly.

I was surprised that Ray used Nathan the prophet's confrontation with King David to buttress his argument. It totally refutes the idea that we should neglect specific sin (the elephant in the room like Sarah's homosexuality or abortion minded women). Nathan had to use a parable to pierce the hard heart of King David to bring him to his knees in repentance. Yes, *the man after God's own heart* was covering up his sin. "**Then Nathan said to**

David, “You are the man...” (2 Samuel 12:7). David was confronted with his specific sin – not a general rehash of God’s law.

Just a cursory viewing of the Gospel of John bears this out. Here is Jesus dealing with the specific sin:

- The woman at the well: **John 4:15-18.**
- The paralytic: (38 years) at the pool: **John 5:6, 14.**
- The crowds following Jesus: **John 6:26, 60-66.**
- His earthly brothers: **John 7:3-8.**
- The woman caught in adultery. **John 8:2-11.**
- The Pharisees: **John 8:43-47.**
- Peter: **John 13:34-38.**
- The Disciples: **John 16: 29-33.**

When one goes to an abortion mill he is dealing with a monstrous sin that cannot be overlooked. Somebody is going to die. It will either be a child or it will be a mom laying her own life down that her child may live – but somebody is going to die! Graphic pictures of aborted children are a “living parable” of what is going to happen that day. Do we love them enough to tell the truth with specificity? Jesus does.

Abortion is a Gospel issue before it is anything else. It must be confronted by the blood of the lamb, Word of our testimony, not loving our own lives so much as to shrink from death. The theology of heaven must become biography at the gates of hell. Sometimes this causes us to be sworn at, physically bashed, thrown in jail, made out to look like fanatics by the media, sued, raked over the coals by our friends, given a quadruple SSSS (terrorist) rating by the DOJ, and hated by just about everyone. “Truth is hate to those who hate the truth!”

Brother Bill Shanks posed this question to us years ago: “If a pastor was on the front steps of his church sharing the Gospel of Christ with a sin sick soul desperately in need of the Savior and saw a little four year old girl being beaten to death with a baseball bat – what would his responsibility be? Should he continue his gospel presentation or should he run to save the child’s life?” What does love command?

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12: 2-3.

Brothers and sisters do not be discouraged. Hopefully I will be able to speak with Ray very soon.

“Busted” while reading the Bible on public sidewalk! By Dr. Pat McEwen



Jay Rogers, Cheryl Bischoff & I were arrested Sat. May 18th on the public sidewalk of Winter Park Florida, outside residence of the CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Orland. Cheryl was holding a small sign with a picture of a beautiful baby and the words “Celebrate Life!” I was reading silently from my Bible and praying. Jay was filming. Without warning all three of us were arrested – the charge, picketing where prohibited.” Yes, In the US of A this happened to gentle Christians on the public sidewalk.

We were not picketing, we were not targeting anyone but that meant little to whoever had ordered the arrest. The arresting police were “SWAT” (not geared up but with the SWAT insignia on their uniforms and all the SWAT paraphernalia in the trunk). But they treated us very kindly. They seemed to not like what they were ordered to do. We were transported in separate cars (Jay in one & Cheryl & I in the other). Our arresting officer was interested in “who” we were and “why.” When Cheryl said she was “just” a professional housewife, he replied, “Don’t ever say *just!* That is the highest calling for a woman. I could never do all my wife does as a mom. She amazes me.”

After we were booked at Winter Park police station we were transported to the Orange County Correctional Facility (where we held a memorial for Caylee Anthony during our national event). There we had the opportunity to witness to Orange County Correctional Officers and inmates.

Jay at one time had a big crowd of the intake officers around him asking questions about why we do these things. He looked like a teacher holding class. Cheryl & I were “working the crowd” of inmates in the holding area until we were bonded out.

Cheryl & Jay were released four hours before me. I was arrested at 10:23 AM & out 11:20 PM. At first I fretted a bit wondering what the “mix –up” was. I did not want to pay bond and still stay in jail all night. Then I had an “epiphany,” realizing that God has a plan. I started to look around for the reason I was left behind.

The holding area began to fill up with Sat. night drunks etc., and they brought in eight new people from a transport from N. J. I saw a young woman crying and looking so lost. She was one of the transport people - 4 days in shackles sitting up in a transport with only potty breaks. Her paperwork said “no bond” and she just lost it. I walked over saying it was lonely where I was sitting and did she mind if I sat near her. We talked in the holding cell and when we were both taken “upstairs” and given our bed rolls for the night. I finally got to her about the bond thing. I told her I had a lawyer who paid my bond for my whole life. That caught her interest and after a bit she surrendered her life to the Lord. Then about ½ hour later I was released. I called her mother in law her as soon as I was out and told her when she would go to trial. I will keep contact with her.

When God says “go” and we *just show up*, **He** will do wonders. The three of us are **not** hero’s we were just doing what **all** Christians are expected to do, – GO!!! You know, the “pure & undefiled” religion thing. SO--- Come on Church, let’s take the battle right to the source of the evil! Let’s run to the roar and meet in Rochester N.Y on July 24 -31. See you at the gates of hell!

Two More Abortion Mills Shut Down in June

Faithful sidewalk counselor John Barros had the privilege of helping an Orlando Sherriff put up crime tape to cordon off Orlando Women’s Center (OWC) owned by abortionist James Pendergraft. John has been there *every day* for three years lifting up the Gospel of Christ to moms in crisis. So many moms have given their hearts to Christ. So many children are alive today as a result of the faithful witness of the saints in Orlando.

Another faithful sidewalk counselor in Dearborn, Michigan, our good friend Chris Coatney was privileged to place a sign on the front door of American Family Planning saying, “**CLOSED, Babies will no longer be killed in this building.**” Chris has been lifting up Jesus at this mill *every day* for the past eleven years.

Upon hearing this news Sandy Sayer said it this way: “Several killing centers are closing. Not one of them closed because our government was appalled enough to close them. No, our government only regulates how the killing can be accomplished – you know, to reduce the harm and keep this abomination safe and nice. It is God’s people, who stand, pray, cry out, hold signs to graphically display the horror and, I might add, suffer the shame of taunts from a world that does not know Jesus and sadly from some who say they do. Thank you Jesus for Your hand in these victories. Dear Saints keep praying, keep storming the Gates of Hell where Satan thinks he is winning, and above all press on in the strong name of Jesus – He is the prize in Glory.”

Saints we know this to be true. We win *every day* we make it out to the mill, whether or not babies are saved or abortion mills are closed. When we show up, God is released to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or imagine. If you are getting tired and weary, please join us in Rochester, New York, this July 24-31, 2013, for our National Event. There is no better time to be greatly encouraged in the Lord by those who know and understand what you are going through. And, who knows, you may be just the one God will use to be an encouragement to those of us who feel we simply cannot go on. Please join us as we storm the gates of hell in Jesus’ magnificent Name.

Keep storming the gates in Jesus’ magnificent Name – see you in Rochester, NY!