

RE :

RE: *SUMMERSERIES*

An Exodus *Out of Grumbling*

RE:NEW YOUR
Attitude

RE: *SUMMERSERIES*

A Tree *Planted by Water*

RE:NEW YOUR
Soul



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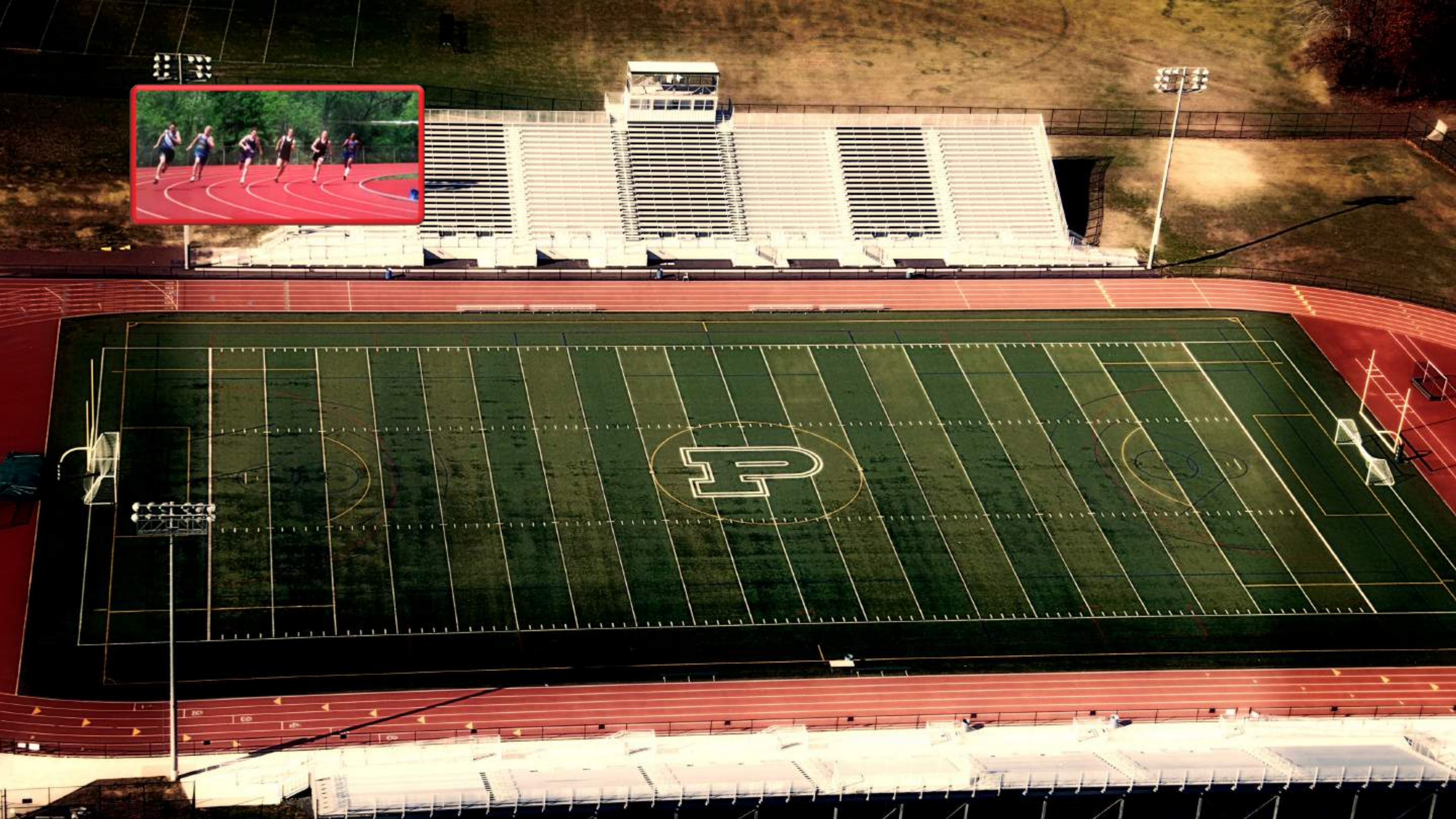
Finish
The Race

RE:NEW YOUR
Approach











SCHEMES!

SATAN THE FATHER OF LIES HAS A SYSTEM TO DECEIVE THE WORLD.

FALSE PHILOSOPHIES

FALSE RELIGIONS

FALSE TEACHERS

FALSE DOCTRINES

FALSE MORALS



Joyful



Apologetics

(Defending the faith)

&

Evangelism

(Sharing the gospel)



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3

COMMON RESPONSES

To apologetics

Excuse #1
**I DON'T LIKE
TO ARGUE**

1

2

3



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Apologetics

***THE GOAL OF APOLOGETICS IS
GOD SAVING SOULS,
NOT WINNING ARGUMENTS.***



Excuse #2

I DON'T KNOW

WHAT TO SAY

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**KNOWING *WHAT YOU BELIEVE* AND
WHY YOU BELIEVE IT, WHILE BEING
ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THAT TO
OTHERS IN *A WINSOME* AND
EFFECTIVE MANNER.**



Excuse #3

**I DON'T KNOW
WHERE TO START**

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***APOLOGETICS DOES NOT REPLACE
OUR FAITH; IT GROUNDS OUR FAITH.***

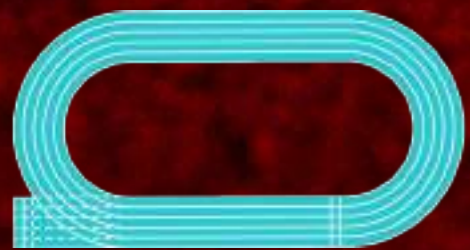
***APOLOGETICS NOT ONLY PROVIDES A
DEFENSE FOR THE FAITH BUT ALSO
PROVIDES **REASSURANCE** TO
CHRISTIANS.***





***ARE YOU RUNNING THE RACE
OR IN THE BLEACHERS?***

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8



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2 Timothy 4

1 I charge you in the presence of

(Importance)

God and of Christ Jesus, who is to

(Authority)

judge the living and the dead, and

(One of His roles)

by his appearing and his kingdom:

(The hope)

10
**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4

2 preach the word; be ready in

(Proclaim)

season and out of season; reprove,

(Always)

(Correction)

rebuke, and exhort, with complete

(Warning)

(Encourage)

patience and teaching.

(Attitude)

(Method)

10
**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4

3(a) For the time is coming when

(Warning)

people will not endure sound

(Reject truth)

teaching,

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**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4

3(b) but having itching ears

(Desire)

they will accumulate for

(Seek out)

themselves teachers to suit their

(False)

own passions,

10
**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4

4 and will turn away from listening

(Apostasy)

(Reject)

to the truth and wander off into

(Embrace lies)

myths.

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**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4:1-4

Characteristics of an apologist and evangelist

- 1) We share God's Word.**
- 2) We are always prepared.**
- 3) We address wrong beliefs.**
- 4) We encourage others.**
- 5) We have patience.**

2 Timothy 4

5 As for you, always be

(Timothy)

sober-minded, endure suffering, do

(Vigilance)

(Expect it)

the work of an evangelist, fulfill

(Share the Gospel)

(Complete)

your ministry.

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**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4

6 For I am already being poured
(Paul) (Completeness)

out as a drink offering, and the time
(Sacrifice)

of my departure has come.
(Impending death)

10
Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists

2 Timothy 4

7 I have fought the good fight, I

(Soldier imagery)

have finished the race, I have kept

(Athlete imagery)

the faith.

(A fight and a race)

10
**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4

8(a) Henceforth there is laid up for

(Transition)

me the crown of righteousness,

(Reward)

which the Lord, the righteous judge,

(Jesus)

will award to me on that day,

10
**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4

8(b) and not only to me but also to
(Paul)

all who have loved his appearing.
(Believers)

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**Characteristics of
apologists and
evangelists**

2 Timothy 4:5-8

Characteristics of an apologist and evangelist

- 6) We maintain clear and focused thinking.
- 7) We persevere through hardships.
- 8) We spread the Gospel.
- 9) We complete our God-given mission.
- 10) We remain steadfast in the faith.



Apologetics

is a defense of the faith

Evangelism

is the verbalization of the gospel message.

Similarities

Goal of Bringing People to Faith

Both aim to bring people to know and accept Jesus Christ as Lord.

Communication of the Gospel

Each involves explaining and sharing the message of the gospel.

Support for Believers

Both strengthen and encourage the faith of Christians.



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Differences

Method of Approach

Focuses on intellectual defense of the faith.

Primary Focus

Addresses questions and challenges to Christianity.

Function in Ministry

Often serves as "pre-evangelism."

Method of Approach

Proclaims the gospel and invites belief.

Primary Focus

Emphasizes sharing the good news and salvation.

Function in Ministry

Directly invites a response to the gospel.



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THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST



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ROMANS 10:9-13

BECAUSE, IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT JESUS IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED. FOR WITH THE HEART ONE BELIEVES AND IS JUSTIFIED, AND WITH THE MOUTH ONE CONFESSES AND IS SAVED. FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."



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2 Timothy 2:24–26

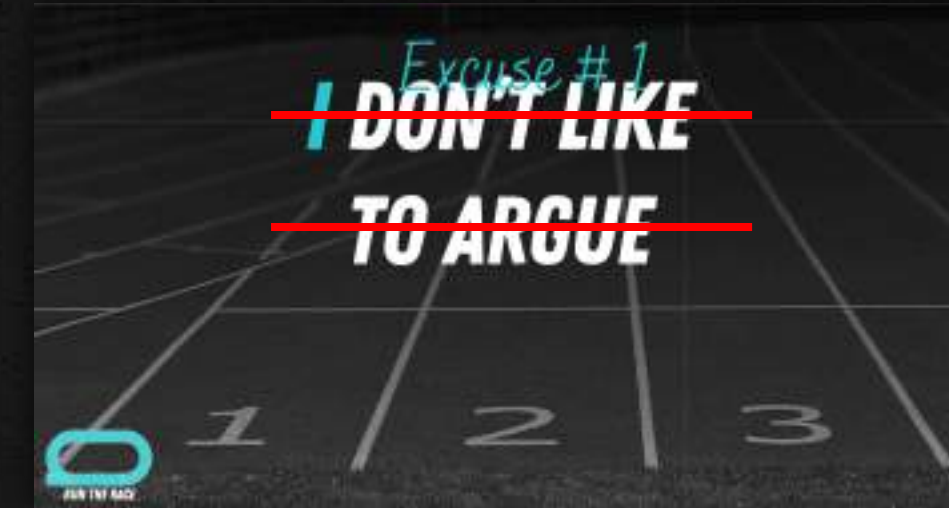
And the Lord's servant must **not be quarrelsome** but **kind to everyone**, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents **with gentleness**. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

Coach Paul

2 Timothy 2:24-26

Characteristics of an apologist and evangelist

- ✓ We avoid unnecessary disputes.
- ✓ We are kind to everyone.
- ✓ We are able to instruct others.
- ✓ We patiently endure opposition.
- ✓ We gently correct opponents.



Coach Paul

1 Peter 3:15-16

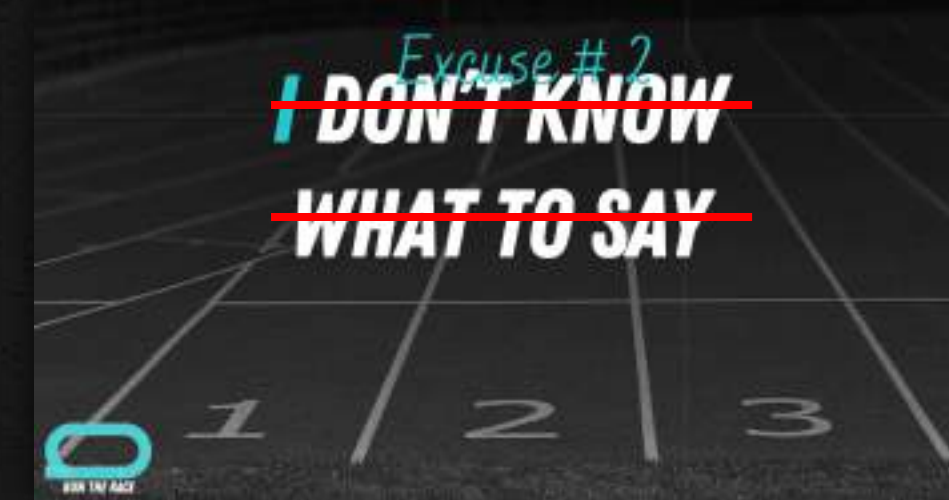
But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with **gentleness** and **respect**, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Coach Peter

1 Peter 3:15-16

Characteristics of an apologist and evangelist

- ✓ We honor Christ as holy.
- ✓ We are always prepared to defend our faith.
- ✓ We respond with gentleness.
- ✓ We show respect to others.
- ✓ We maintain a clear conscience.



Coach Peter

Jude 21–23

Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And **have mercy** on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Coach Jude

Jude 21-23

Characteristics of an apologist and evangelist

- ✓ We stay grounded in God's love.
- ✓ We show mercy to doubters.
- ✓ We actively rescue others from spiritual danger.
- ✓ We respectfully fear God.
- ✓ We avoid sin and its corrupting influences.



Coach Jude

Combined
characteristics of an
apologists and evangelist



☑ **Avoid disputes**

☑ **Kind**

☑ **Respectful**

☑ **Patient**

☑ **Merciful**

☑ **Clear conscience**

☑ **Compassionate**

☑ **Prepared**

☑ **Gentle**

☑ **Unashamed**





Jesus is the master apologist

The woman at the well
John 4:7-26

Tactics For apologetics

1

**ASK QUESTIONS
& LISTEN ACTIVELY**

E.



Ask questions to understand the other person's viewpoint better. For example, "What do you mean by that?" or "Can you explain that further?"

Reflect back what you've heard to ensure understanding, e.g., "So, you're saying that...?"



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Tactics For apologetics

1

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2

***RESPOND THOUGHTFULLY &
CLARIFY MISCONCEPTIONS***

M.



Respond with the Truth of God's Word.

***Address common misconceptions
about the Christian faith.***



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3

FOCUS ON THE GOSPEL

S.



Always bring the conversation back to the core message of the Gospel – the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and His offer of salvation.



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E. - Engage

M. - Mediate

S. - Share



- ***IS YOUR APPROACH CONSISTENT WITH JESUS' CHARACTER?***
- ***IS YOUR APPROACH ENGAGING OR REPELLING?***
- ***IS YOUR APPROACH PREPARED?***

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DNF
&
DNR



EVENT 400m

LANE	RUNNER	HEAT	TIME
1	Runner A	1	48.6
2	Runner B	1	DNF
3	Runner C	1	49.11
4	Runner D	1	DNR
5	Runner E	1	50.3
6	Runner F	1	49.22
7	Runner G	1	51.7

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