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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Warm greetings from Florida, my home state. I'm here doing a short weekend program for the Gainesville Christian Church. Topics include *The Crucial Need for Evidences* and *The Problem of Human Suffering*. Then tomorrow I head to Alabama for a few days away. The purpose: to begin work on several audio series, podcasts, and books. Here's what's on the horizon:

- Books: *Mormonism*, *Personal Discipline*, *The Tears of the Father* (caring for the poor), *El Espiritu* (Spanish version of *The Spirit*), *Verdadero y Razonable* (Spanish version of the old *True & Reasonable*, which is now out of print and has essentially been replaced by last month's *Compelling Evidence*), and *The Encyclopedia of Bible Questions & Answers*.
- Also take a peek at our newly retooled [bookstore](#) (main website).
- Audio sets: Hebrews: Bridge Between the Testaments; Digging Deeper: How to Interpret the Bible; From Facts to Faith, Reloaded.
- Podcasts: The Holy Spirit (series of 4); Vampires; Marijuana; and at least 30 more podcasts. Several guest speakers will also be presenting in the coming months. All available at jacobypremium.com.

Podcasts!

The second (premium) website keeps growing, with 7 podcasts related to death and the end of the world recently recorded, as well as many other lessons. Two of the newer podcasts include *Tattoos & Piercings*, *Capital Punishment*, *Crime & Punishment*, and *Tithing*. There will be over 50 podcasts in all in 2010. Available at jacobypremium.com. Even non-members have access to dozens of the written studies and podcasts. Please let your friends know. And if you would like to buy bulk podcast subscriptions for members in the developing world, at a discount of 90% or more, just send me an email. Brothers and sisters can then enjoy the material for as little as \$2 or \$3 a year!

Touching lives

Of course the purpose of producing all this material isn't just to dump information into the

sea of human knowledge, but to change lives. Simply put, the goal is *transformation*, not *information*. Last

week as I walked around our neighborhood and presented free copies of my new book (*Compelling*) to believers and unbelievers, Christians and Jews, friends and strangers, I got into numerous conversations. Not just intellectual ones. We were talking about real life issues: health, the economy, divorce, children, politics, and more. Walks like these make me want to live in this neighborhood always. People need us as believers to share the truth that we have. Whatever level you consider yourself to be on, however much information you have about Christianity in your heart and head, never underestimate the impact you can make. I was also reminded of this fact during our home Bible discussion last week. People are searching, hoping, hurting -- aware of it or not, longing for people like you and me to take a chance and share the light that we have.

March speaking engagements

Despite the joys of personal (individual) conversation, much of the work of the teaching ministry is public. In March I was able to speak in Vancouver, Austin, and Atlanta. A special privilege was leading one of the morning devotionals at Habitat for Humanity, whose express goal is to rebuild 25% of the homes destroyed in the recent earthquake in Haiti. I will return in April to Habitat and continue to support their great work. In addition, AIM (our ministry school) took place in Marietta GA, focusing on N.T. survey and interpretation. Students hail from Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Virginia, and the Carolinas. Earlier this week I traveled to Abilene Christian University. The short trek to Texas afforded some truly rewarding time with four professors (experts in the fields of theology, philosophy, psychology, and church history). During April I'll deliver a series of lectures at Georgia Tech (here in Atlanta), as well as teaching in Florida, New York, and Illinois. But more about that next month!

Lost subscribers!

Something surprising happened. When we switched over to the new email plan this year, we lost a number of subscribers. Everyone had to confirm in order to remain on the list. In these days of information overload, understandably not a few probably ended up in the recycle bin. But in the process we lost *thousands* of readers. Obviously you are not one of these if you receive this message. Yet you might be able to help, simply by asking others if they received this update. If not, it's really easy. Just [sign up](#). Even if you have been receiving the newsletters for years, unless you resubscribed, you will not receive them any more. Sorry for the minor inconvenience.

Easter

And now a more seasonal subject. In the broader Christian world, millions are celebrating Easter this month. In the early church, once "holidays" began to be celebrated, Easter was considered far more important than Christmas. In case you'd like to learn a little about Easter origins, click [here](#). Or, for ever more, check out this [link](#). Certainly believers in Christ want to be, and need to be, informed about this major celebration.

Thank you!

Whether we remain in touch through the websites, FaceBook, YouTube, or Twitter, we appreciate your prayers and support. Please note that new supporters are always needed, so send an email if you are interested in sharing in this ministry in a more intimate way.

Yours in Him,

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