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Mar-Apr 2005 Teaching Ministry Update

I. PERSONAL

I write to you from Athens (Georgia), where I'm spending most of the month of April. Less travel this month means more time to study, think, and write. Yesterday I finished recording a New Testament Survey, called THE FAITH UNFURLED. Like the O.T. Survey published in October, it includes 16 audio lessons and a 96-page handbook. (It will be available soon.) Among the books I've read, the one that has had the most impact on me lately is Peter Scazaro's THE EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY CHURCH (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003). It's absolutely superb, personally challenging, and thought provoking in the extreme. This little volume also sheds a good deal of light on all that has transpired in the church in the last few years. My wife and I have both read it, and this has led to so many discussions-at the heart level. Please try to get your hands on a copy--it's worth far more than the publisher's price. (I wish I had listened to a friend who recommended the book to me last autumn and read it then!)

II. PREACHING

In March I was thrilled to conduct an evidences Q&A with Dr. John Oakes, also and to teach a class on Church Discipline, at the Campus Ministry seminar in San Antonio. Vicki and I also spent a weekend in London teaching on the Holy Spirit, Men's and Women's Role, Bible Study Principles, Ruth, etc. People attended from as far away as Dublin. And as usual, I continue to teach in Atlanta and Athens. Most recently, I presented an evangelistic evidences powerpoint at the University of Georgia on "The Claims, Deeds, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Fact or Fiction?" The next teaching trip is to Kingston (Old Testament) and Los Angeles (evidences and eldership), at the very end of April.

III. WOMEN'S AUDIO SERIES!

A straight-to-the-heart women's audio series on the Book of Ruth has been recorded and released by my wife, Vicki. It is entitled "Ruin, Romance, and Redemption." Here is the product description: "The Book of Ruth uniquely speaks to women today, and Vicki Jacoby skillfully and personally shares the principles she has learned from applying the lessons of Ruth to her own life. The three central characters of this book--Naomi, Ruth and Boaz--have powerful lessons to teach us dealing with desperation, bitterness, obedience, loyalty, kindness, hope and faithfulness. The godly qualities of these three individuals help us face the challenges that befall every person seeking to fulfill God's purpose for their lives." You may order the 4-CD set by visiting the [IPIbooks.com](#) website and clicking on "audio."

IV. FROM FACTS TO FAITH--Replacement CD

As I listened to the CD on "Atheists & Atheism," I realized that unfortunately the recording was of poor quality. Sorry! A new CD--with substantially more material than the earlier version--has been recorded, and a free replacement will be made at your request. Please email toneyipibooks@mac.com to receive the new CD. If you're not familiar with this series and are interested, please read on (from the January-February update): "A set of four evidences messages on CD, just released on 11 March, is available through the website. This material will be especially useful for nonbelievers; Christians with questions of a scientific or academic nature; teens with questions about the Bible; and anyone who wants to be better equipped to share the faith with others. The four lessons are: Why I Trust the Bible; Big Bang, Dinosaurs, Cavemen and Evolution; Atheists and Atheism; and The Problem of Human Suffering."

V. ATHENS, GREECE

Now comes a brief update on exciting plans for November in Athens, Greece (not the 14 other "imitations," in which are in Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, Maine, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, New York, & Michigan). Speakers, teachers, & discussion group leaders for the the 2005 Athens Biblical Study Tour and the 11th Annual International Teachers' Seminar include (but are not necessarily limited to): Andy Fleming (Los Angeles), Gordon Ferguson (Phoenix), James Greig (Oxford, England), Joseph Harris (Augusta, Georgia), Douglas Jacoby (Athens, not Greece), John Oakes (San Diego), Kelly Petre (Boston), Steve Kinnard (New York), and Steve Staten (Chicago). To date persons have registered from Germany, Switzerland, England, France, Italy, and the United States, with more signing up every week. Last year at the BST (Rome) we had 155 participants; this year anywhere from 100 to 200 are

expected. If you're planning to come and are able to register and pay (deposit or in full) now, please do so at this time, as in about a month I will need to send 30% of the hotel room payment to my agent in Athens. Also, if you pay now, you will receive a E25 reduction per participant; this reduction expires in June, per details of brochure/website explanation. E25 is about US\$32. Please keep the ITS / BST in your prayers.

VI. MANUSCRIPT WEEKEND, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 2005.

This special program will take place at the University of Michigan, and is followed by a Sunday of preaching and a biblical archaeology powerpoint. Thanks to the Detroit Church of Christ for handling the registration and providing some housing for participants (on a first come, first served basis). I understand that a group of 20 persons from Toronto have registered. Many from the Ohio churches will be attending. The weekend has been promoted in Chicago. Grand Rapids, Detroit, and many other cities are getting involved. At least one person is coming from Los Angeles.

What had originated as a "manuscript weekend" is turning out to be a fellowship bonanza. This is what I had always hoped: that the teaching ministry would bring unity, not just knowledge. If you're interested in taking part, you will experience an unforgettable visit to the largest classical and biblical papyrus collection in the western hemisphere, and learn much more.

That's all for now. Keep checking the website; there's new material every day of the week. To find previously posted material, click on "Search." As for this bulletin, to be added or removed, click on subscribe/unsubscribe at website. I deeply appreciate your keeping the teaching ministry in your prayers.

The next regular update will be around the beginning of June.

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