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**From:** John Kozlowski <John@Kozlowski.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 10:47 PM  
**To:** 'Jim Cross'  
**Subject:** RE: Bible Study

Mr. Cross,

Again let me be honest and please don't take this as rude. It seemed like you offered a hopeful bit of opening, but what I am reading now seems to be a slamming of that shut.

I spent a several hours tonight dealing with three gentlemen, one of which I have hope is my brother, but not an intellectual giant. One is foul mouthed, indulges in casual sex, and a Mormon. The other seems to have surface knowledge but very much of the world. Tonight I was challenged on many things, such as the typical "the Bible is a copy of a copy" or "told by one generation to another until it was written down". I was able to offer a reasoned response why those ideas are not true and why we can have complete trust in the Bible. However, I was called foul things, told about so many that say otherwise, and that I'm the only one that believes this. Yet I continued to respond with an attempted graciousness, verifiable facts, and the Scripture.

I hope you can understand why it seems my experience tonight is essentially no different than my dealing with you. You point me to writings of others, but not the Scripture. When you pointed me to the Walk Worthy website, I offered evidence that it was something that the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ would run from. Do you still embrace what they proclaim? If so, can you give any evidence, especially from Scripture, where my challenges to them are wrong? What are you trusting in?

While you language has been less colorful, our dialog seems so very similar to my dialog with the Mormon. I've offered Scripture, and you have attacked my character. I ask you to deal with the Lord's commands as followers of Him to reconcile, and you have refused. You have written that my wife is a free woman, and the Lord says otherwise, but you seem to ignore it. Do you see why that is hateful to my wife, my kids, and me? Do you see why that is not "walking worthy"? I want to deal with you as a brother, to reconcile with you, to get past platitudes, and deal man-to-man, or as I have requested, brother-to-brother. That offer remains.

You are well aware that my contention on what you and the institutional church have done in reference to my marriage is an obliteration of Scripture and has been proclaimed loudly to hundreds. You are also aware that my contention with the institution of the institutional church is also being proclaimed and backed with Scripture. You should be aware that dialogs are occurring, but not yet with institutional church leadership. Many of those dialogs are similar to dealing with you, at least dealing with you thus far. Some are with those that are hurting, and to be able to offer grace to the wounded it marvelous. It remains my hope that dialog with institutional church leadership will start, and it would be wonderful if it would start with you. The institution is a fraud. I have offered evidence from Scripture, and more is coming. Do you cling to something you are unwilling to defend? Are you not ready to give and answer? Is there no hope within you? I hope it is obvious that I'm using 1 Peter 3:15. Tonight I lived that verse in proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord, as the creator of heaven and earth, as the one who breathed all of Scripture (2Tim3:16), and as my Lord and my God (Joh 20:28), to those who offered unpleasantness. But now more than ever, "for me to live is Christ" (Php 1:21).

Please don't take my wording as offensive, but simply direct. Too much is at state to use flowery words. Love contends. Scriptural evidence of that has already been offered. Please see my words as an attempt at love. My offer to you for reconciliation remains on the table. Please take me up on it.

Respectfully,

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**From:** jimcross45@gmail.com [mailto:jimcross45@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Jim Cross

**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 8:16 PM

**To:** John Kozłowski

**Subject:** Re: Bible Study

Since this study has been and is again being helpful to me and is now being helpful to Madge I shared it with you. There is no answer for "why?" but that you came to my mind, and I took that to be a move of the Holy Spirit and out of faithfulness to Him and you I sent it to you.

There is no ulterior motive, and there's no need to debate anything that is in the study. I thought you might find some benefit in studying Spiritual Strongholds. I think most, if not all, believers have some places in their hearts and minds that are very significantly influenced by the "spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

It was just a friendly gesture on my part, and I hope you are blessed by that. If you do find it to be helpful in any way, I would just appreciate a quick note to let me know that it was. If you don't find it to be helpful, no response is necessary.

Glad your trip to GA went well.

Jim

On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 6:52 PM, John Kozłowski <[John@kozlowski.org](mailto:John@kozlowski.org)> wrote:

Mr. Cross,

First I am very grateful for the cordial tone of your email. It is encouraging.

However, I'm confused. You are doing a study with your wife, and suggest I consider it, but what about my wife?

I took a quick look at the PDF and found lines like "God has designed a husband to draw from his wife, his nurturing companion..." on the top of page 5 of the PDF. You know how much this rips me to shreds?

It talks about home fellowships. Have you seen the recent videos? Do you know of my advocacy and practice of this?

There seems to also be a hint of Christian Zionism, which I would argue against, but that is a very secondary point.

Let me be honest, and please don't take this as rude. The positive view is that you are attempting to open the door between us in your way. The negative view is you are trying to justify yourself. It is my hope it is the former, but consider our history, I don't really know.

Would you please be clearer in what you are suggesting? This is asked in hope.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Jim Cross [mailto:[jimcross45@gmail.com](mailto:jimcross45@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 6:26 PM

**To:** John Kozłowski

**Subject:** Bible Study

Hey John,

Madge and I started something this week that is being very helpful to us, and I'm pretty sure it was the Holy Spirit that put it in my mind to send it to you as well.

A couple decades ago I was struggling with something - can't even remember now what it was - that really had me down spiritually. It helped me tremendously. So, recently Madge decided she wanted to go thru it, and to make a long story short, we decided to go thru it together - a little bit every evening.

As we were about to start the study this evening, I thought about you and for some reason felt compelled to send you the pdf that we are using. It's called Demolishing Strongholds and this is a revised version created by the original author. So far I've found it to be almost identical to the one I first used.

I hope you find it beneficial as well.

Jim