

John Kozlowski

From: John Kozlowski <John@Kozlowski.org>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 1:28 PM
To: 'Jim Cross'
Subject: RE: Bible Study

Mr. Cross,

When I first read you email I was considering going point by point to show that you are simply doing blame shifting, but that seems pointless.

You state "If you want to accuse and condemn, my door is closed." Did you read the paragraph before that where you stated "but you surely have not repented". Is that not an accusation? There are many cases of more complete confessions and repentance that can be found in writing and video. You seem to have no idea of how I have changed, but only measure repentance in money. From an earlier dialog we don't see the same in Mat 6:24/Luk 16:13 "*No one can serve two masters*".

Are you willing to dialog on a level playing field? What you present is not that. As I have pointed out repeatedly, the contention model in Scripture, "agōnizomai", seeking of a goal, the truth. When brothers contend together, for the truth, it is a very good thing and an act of love. Shall we?

As I have pointed out extensively, my reference is the Scripture. I have given numerous verses to present my case of what guides me. I am ready to wrestle with you on that when you are willing since that is the model set forth in Gen 32, and I suggest amplified in Jude 3.

It appears what I continue to get from you is generalities and few responses to specifics.

You seem to be offering a general "take responsibility" refrain. I have stated clearly that I will not support someone living in sin and refusing communications. I'm sorry, but I don't see love in that. I see a model of provision upon return from abandonment, such as the Prodigal Son (Luk 15), or more specially since the relationship between a husband and wife mirrors the relationship between the Lord and His elect, so it seems the model of Zec 1:3 is applicable. Can you point out from Scripture where I am wrong on that?

About 14 months ago, when we spoke on the phone, you made the suggestion of a financial discussion. I did receive one email to that effect, and responded with questions, and even fulfilled one request. But then silence. Who again is not taking responsibility?

I set before my wife, and you, the "[Holding Jobs](#)" question, but no response. Do you know how much of an impact that has had on me? Should I be willing to literally steal and kill to feed my family?

I set before you the "[Jim Cross - Interpret Scripture with Scripture](#)" and still don't know where you stand. I'm pursuing reconciliation with my wife, not a single woman as you describe her, because again the Scripture is my reference. You are closing your email with "In the Name of Jesus", but which Jesus?

Please consider picking one single point that we can discuss with Scripture as our reference. Let's see if we indeed are seeking the same Lord.

Please also remember that I am not setting any precondition to dialog. All I am doing is trying to be complete and unambiguous in my communications. I ask for the same from you. Please come to the table FULLY.

Respectfully,

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

Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 12:27 PM

To: John Kozlowski

Subject: Re: Bible Study

I told you earlier that I am willing to reconcile with you. Here's what that means.

You broke faith with me. I didn't break faith with you. I am still proceeding with life without animosity to you. I have been forgiven much, as Jesus said, so I have forgiven you. That's why I reached out to you with the pdf that I found to be valuable in my walk with the Lord.

Feel free to go back and read the letter I put in your hand when I came to the home in Benton to take over the care of DJ and children. I didn't do that with hatred. I did that with hope that you might decide to take responsibility for their care, which you chose not to do. So, who broke faith with whom?

You have my forgiveness for putting DJ's and your children's care on me. I have no idea at all if you have asked the Lord for forgiveness, but you surely have not repented because with repentance comes change, and there has been no change in your care for them.

If you want to reconcile, my door is open. If you want to accuse and condemn, my door is closed.

In the Name of Jesus,

Jim

On Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 7:46 AM, John Kozlowski <John@kozlowski.org> wrote:

Mr. Cross,

You dropped out my reply. I have included it again below as I believe it is helpful.

What is more important, who wins the game on Sunday or to first be reconciled with your brother?

Please remember the greatest gift is the reconciliation the Lord gives to His elect. We are called to model that with each other. I have attempted to reconcile with you, but you continue to refuse it. It remains on the table.

Respectfully,

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 your 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: Friday, October 13, 2017 7:22 AM

To: John Kozlowski

Subject: Re: Bible Study

I was just offering a gift. That's all there was to it. It's a work of our enemy that you were unable to accept it as such.

Jim

On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 8:16 PM, Jim Cross <jimcross@lexcominc.net> wrote:

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 Kozlowski <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]

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

To: John Kozlowski

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