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Dear Friends,

What will Ted and I be doing this coming year? Pretty much what we have always done: discipleship which involves thinking lost and helping the lost to think, snatching people from the fire; counseling leaders and fighting for marriages and families.

Some questions that make me think: What is my “world view” and how did I come to it? Do I know how to disciple and encourage others or do I depend upon Ted or a church staff to do that? Am I preparing our family for very hard times ahead? Am I a friend of the lost persons all around me or do they have me pegged as “too religious”? Do I go into their world or expect them to come into mine?

Many people have never heard the Gospel even once. Why would I think I deserve to hear it again? I don't. Check out Colossians 4:2-4: *Pray and watch and be thankful for an open door for the Gospel, then proclaim it clearly, being wise in the way you act, full of grace by speaking with just the right amount of salt in order to know how to answer.* What is the presupposition here? ...that we earn the right to answer by listening. If we do not know a lost person's sincere questions, then we will give an answer to a question he is not asking. “Green fruit” (no Christian frame of reference) will not respond. Ripe fruit might.

We are adding to our **Twelve Stone Legacy** website regularly. Ted is teaching “The Upper Room” on Friday nights to a group. Laced throughout our studies together is prayer and support for reaching their lost friends.

Ted and I will go in March and again in September to Ann Arbor, Michigan to help our former astronaut-ministry-partners reach international students at the University of Michigan. These two have been building relationships with many. Some have come to Christ and more are considering Him. Think on this: What “missionary” could possibly be more effective than a country's own?

Paying clients and disciples are predictably ‘way **down**. Counselling and discipleship is predictably **up**. You know how to address that to the Lord.

*Deuteronomy 1:30, 31: The Lord your God, who is **going before** you, **will fight** for you...and **carry** you as a father carries his son...*

— Jo



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