Tangible Theology

"Preach the gospel at all times, using words if necessary."

- something St. Francis didn't say

Evangelism is inherently verbal:

"Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God and saying, " The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel""

- Mark 1:14-15

"Jesus of Nazareth,
a man who was a prophet
mighty in deed and word
before God and all the people"

- Luke 24:19

WORD person

Or

DEED person

Suffering is God's "megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

- CS Lewis

This world is a mess.

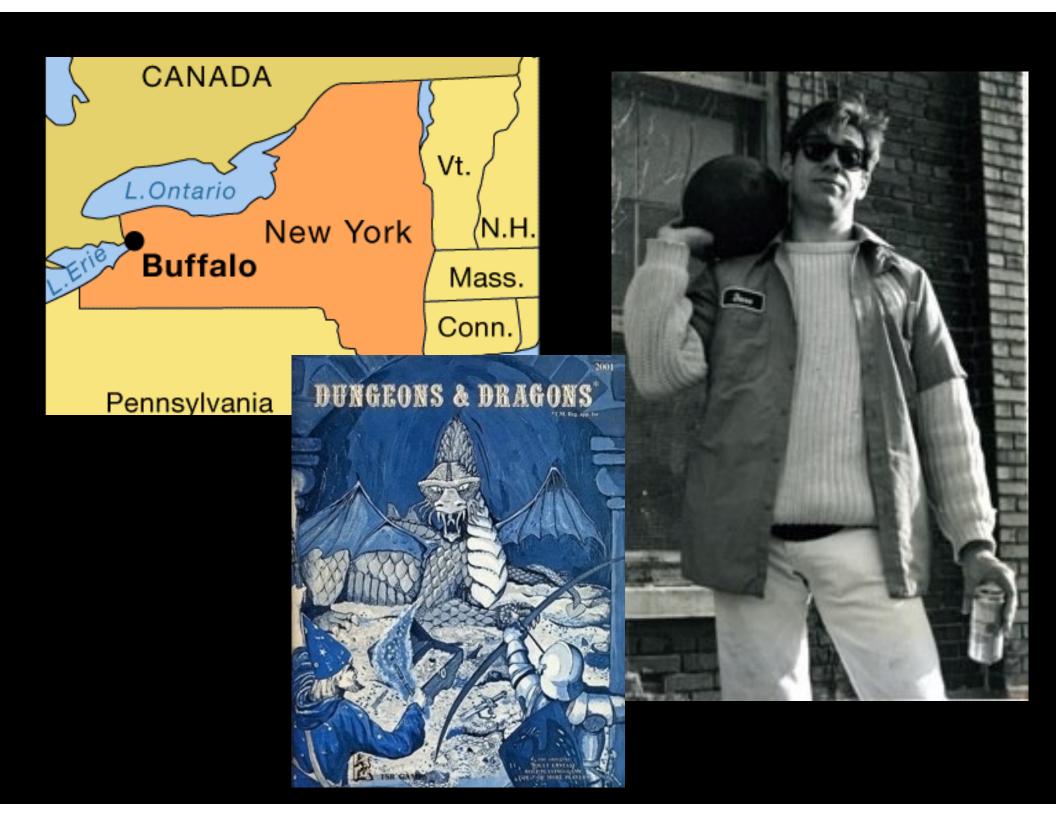
Oppressed people oppressing one another.

Cancer, slavery, starvation,

prejudice and pain.

But why? Why is everything such a mess?

God's answer: All human suffering results from a broken relationship with God.



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We do not want you to be unaware of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. (2 Cor 1:8-9)

GRACE = God's Riches At Christ's Expense

(an advantage to which you aren't entitled.)
Eph 2:1-10

Three Rules of Thumb

- 1. Does this action attempt to deceive anyone or allow anyone to be deceived?
- 2. Does this action gain or allow gain of a privilege or advantage to which I or someone else would not otherwise be entitled?
 - 3. Would I be unsatisfied by the outcome if I were on the receiving end of this action?

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (2 Cor 1:3-4)

Accept your brokenness... So Christ can make you whole... And use you to help others.

SHOW (deed)

and

TELL (word)

Jesus Loves You!

(But I'm too busy)

"Jesus went about doing good. And we are trying to imitate him now because I believe that God loves the world through us. Just as he sent Jesus to be his love, his presence in the world, so today he is sending us."

- Mother Teresa

Burger King Exit in 2 miles

"To be a Christian is to move toward need not comfort."

- John Piper

The Lord said. "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt... I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them."

- Exodus 3:7-8

Your Homework

Who is around me:

What is the need:

What I Can Do:

Use your Head, Heart & Hands to:

1) See, 2) Feel, 3) Pray, 4) Act, 5) Point

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