



— 2023 THEME —

# SOUND FORTH THE WORD!

"THE WORD OF THE LORD SOUNDED FORTH FROM YOU ...  
YOUR FAITH IN GOD HAS GONE FORTH EVERYWHERE"

— 1 THES. 1:8



## EVANGELISM CHECK-IN

### SECTION 1 – HOW ARE YOU DOING?

- How would you rate your current motivation to share the gospel? 1 2 3 4 5
- How would you rate your current ability to share the gospel? 1 2 3 4 5
- How do you think you're doing at praying for the lost in your life? 1 2 3 4 5
- What is your strong suit in evangelism?

Boldness

Serving & Influencing

Studying Methods of Evangelism

One-on-One Studies

Engaging In Spiritual Conversations

Inviting People

Listening & Relating to People

Encouraging/Supporting Others' Evangelism

Rightly Dividing the Word

Praying for the Lost

Welcoming People

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 2 – WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE AT THE END OF THE YEAR?

• I want to be able to \_\_\_\_\_

• What steps do you want to have taken? \_\_\_\_\_

• Describe any attitudes and habits you want to have: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3 – WHAT HINDERS YOU? (check all that apply)

Don't think of it often (awareness)

Don't think of the fate of the lost (eternal perspective)

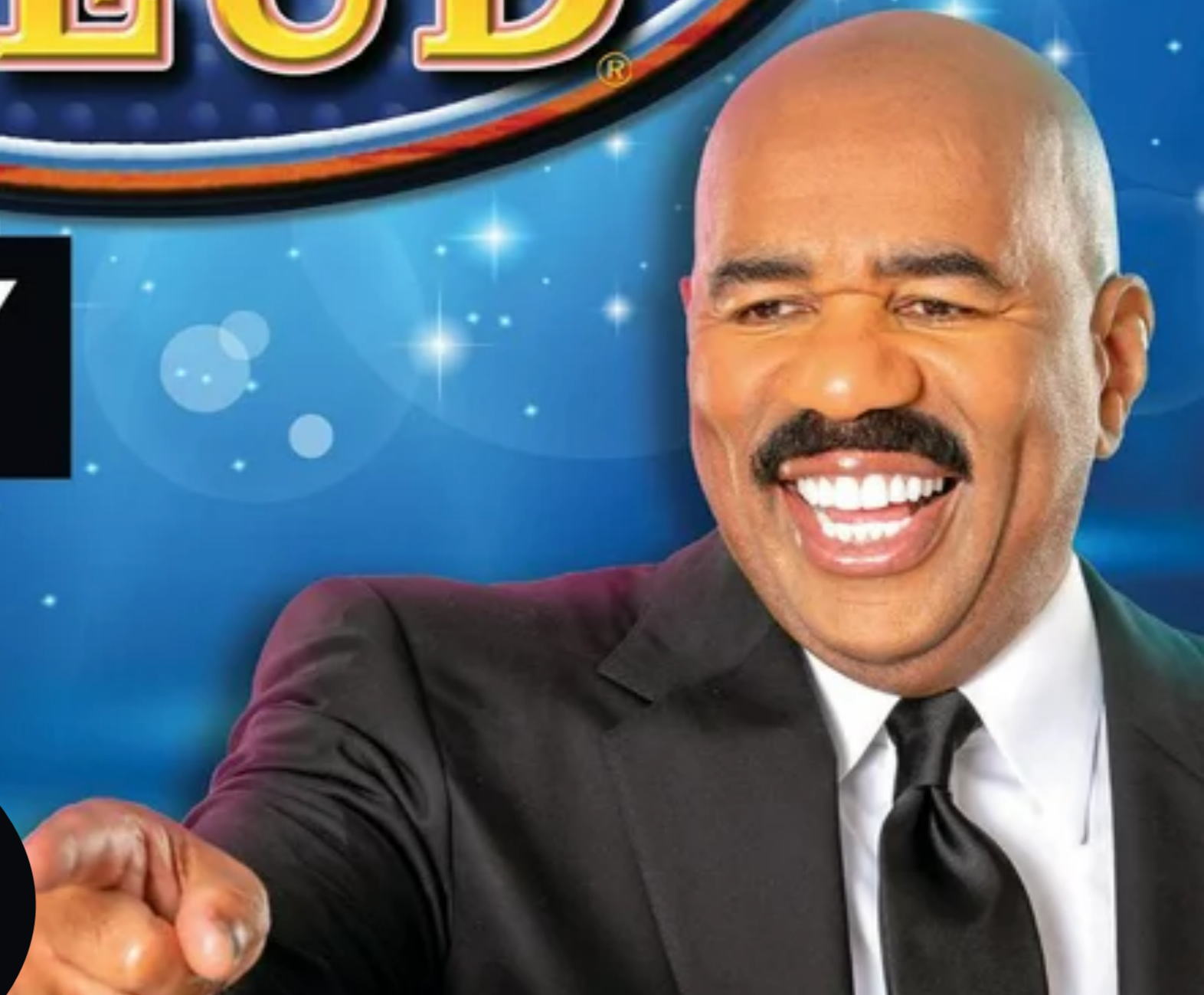
Don't fully believe the gospel is the only way they can be saved (faith)

Overwhelmed / unsure

# FAMILY FEUD

**SURVEY  
SAYS!**

**FEAR**



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# OPEN CHRISTIANS

with bold, hopeful, ready,  
respectful answers

if...

what  
if?

it all seems  
“iffy”

fear

# CAN INTIMIDATED CHRISTIANS SAVE A HOSTILE WORLD?

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1 Pet. 3:14

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make your case

1 Pet. 3:15b

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1 Pet. 3:14

honor Christ

1 Pet. 3:15a

make your case

1 Pet. 3:15b

**...do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.**

**Isaiah 8:12b-13**

English Standard Version

SUBMIT YOUR HEART TO  
CHRIST'S AUTHORITY.

DREAD CHRIST'S DISPLEASURE  
MORE THAN WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

LET CHRIST'S PROMISES  
FILL YOU WITH HOPE!

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**having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.**

**1 Peter 3:16**  
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# HONORING CHRIST TURNS OUR FEAR TO HOPE

# TUNING YOUR ANSWER

**1** OPEN & READY

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**3 HOPEFUL & REASONABLE**



“Peter assumed that believers have solid intellectual grounds for believing the gospel. The truth of the gospel is a public truth that can be defended in the public arena. This does not mean, of course, that every Christian is to be a highly skilled apologist for the faith. It does mean that every believer should grasp the essentials of the faith and should have the ability to explain to others why they think the Christian faith is true.”

– Thomas R. Schreiner

# 2 PROBLEM WORDS

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**READY** — MYTH OF PERFECT PREP

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**DEFENSE** — ERROR OF BATTLEING



The image features a textured, brownish-gold background with faint, illegible text. In the center, a black starburst shape contains the word "FEAR" in white, bold, uppercase letters. On either side of the starburst, the black silhouette of a human head is shown in profile, facing each other as if in conversation.

**FEAR**

HOSTILE

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DEFENSIVE

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**HONOR**

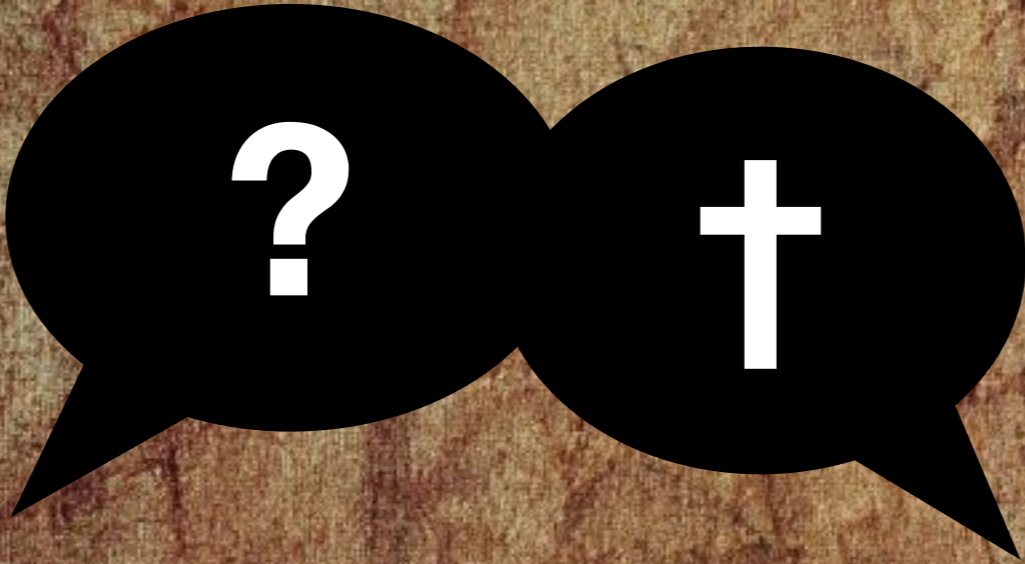
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# HONOR

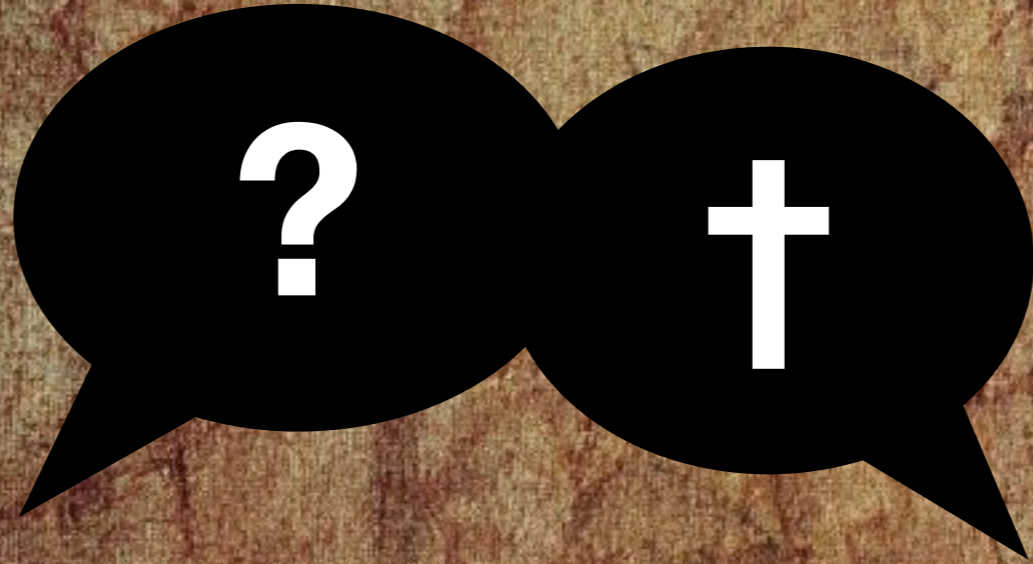
CURIOUS

DIFFERENT  
HOPEFUL



CURIOUS  
NEED HOPE

HONOR



HONEST  
GENTLE

IF WE **HONOR CHRIST**,  
WE WILL **LIVE** OPENLY FOR HIM,  
**SPEAK** OPENLY FOR HIM, AND  
**LET HIM** HANDLE THE REST.

# HONOR CHRIST



TURN'S OUR **FEAR** TO **HOPE**

**HONOR CHRIST**



**URNS OUR FEAR TO HOPE**



**HOSTILITY TO CURIOSITY**

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**DEFENSIVENESS TO GENTLENESS**



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