

2026-7 Email Intro for July 2026 Prayer Letter
Continuing the Work of Discipleship
By Dave Weeks

Dear Pastor and Faithful Friends,

During the past few weeks, the LORD has brought several unexpected opportunities across my path. Each conversation began exactly the same way. I simply asked, "May I give you a little card to read?" As I read the Goodness Test card with them, every one of those individuals eventually told me they were one of Jehovah's Witnesses. I was not looking for Jehovah's Witnesses. I was simply sowing the seed of God's Word. As I reflected on those conversations, the LORD reminded me of something I had never fully appreciated before.

Every disciple was first reached by a sower.

As those words settled into my heart, my thoughts returned to the years before I trusted Christ as my Savior. I remembered the people who faithfully witnessed to me. Some planted the seed. Others watered it. Then, on March 18, 1973, the Holy Spirit opened my understanding, and I trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. Looking back now, I realize that every one of those people became part of my story because they were willing to sow the seed. Before any of us became disciples, someone first became a sower.

Can you remember the people who sowed into your life? Perhaps it was a parent, a pastor, a Sunday school teacher, a friend, or someone you met only once. Whoever they were, God used them because they were willing to speak. Every one of those people became part of your story because they were willing to sow the seed. Today, the LORD gives each of us that same privilege.

As I have shared this truth in Sunday school classes over the years, I have often encouraged believers with one simple statement:

Every saved person should be a sower.

Can you imagine what would happen if every believer in every church determined to become a faithful sower? The opportunities would be almost endless. A conversation at the grocery store, a visit to the doctor's office, a neighbor across the street, or a mechanic working in your driveway could become the beginning of someone's story with Christ. We never know what the Holy Spirit will do when we faithfully sow His Word.

The Goodness Test card pictured below has become one of the simplest ways the LORD has allowed me to sow the seed. Every recent conversation described above began with one simple question: "May I give you a little card to read?" Will you become the sower in someone else's?

Take The Goodness Test? Based On The 10 Commandments, How Good Are You? <table border="0"><tr><td>1. No other gods before Me!</td><td>6. Don't murder: the unborn!</td></tr><tr><td>2. Make no images of Me!</td><td>7. Don't commit adultery!</td></tr><tr><td>3. Don't take My name in vain!</td><td>8. Don't steal!</td></tr><tr><td>4. Keep the LORD'S Day!</td><td>9. Don't lie!</td></tr><tr><td>5. Honor your parents!</td><td>10. Don't covet!</td></tr></table> The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ ... (Gal 3:24). If you lie, you're a liar! If you steal, you're a thief! If you lust, you're an adulterer or a fornicator. If you take God's name in vain, you're a blasphemer. There are a lot of good people in this world, but no one is sinless! Salvation is not in any religion, only in Jesus Christ. He offers forgiveness, hope, and eternal life to all who come to Him with repentance and faith.	1. No other gods before Me!	6. Don't murder: the unborn!	2. Make no images of Me!	7. Don't commit adultery!	3. Don't take My name in vain!	8. Don't steal!	4. Keep the LORD'S Day!	9. Don't lie!	5. Honor your parents!	10. Don't covet!	Today, If You Had To Make A Choice, What Would It Be LIFE OR DEATH? Heaven Hell For the wages of sin is Death; but the gift of God is Eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom 6:23). Eternity is a long time to be in the wrong place! If you will believe God's Word, turn from your Sin, and trust Jesus Christ alone as your Savior, you can be delivered from God's impending judgment.	NEW WORLD TRANSLATION JOHN 1:3 All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. HEBREWS 1:2, 5 2 in these last days he has spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom also he created the systems of things. 5 For to which of the angels did he ever say: "You are my Son. Today I have become your Father?" And again: "I will be to him a Father, and he will be to me a Son"?
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What happened after those conversations surprised me. Every recent conversation with a Jehovah's Witness began exactly the same way. As I read the Goodness Test card with them, each person eventually said, "I'm one of Jehovah's Witnesses." I was not searching for Jehovah's Witnesses. I was simply sowing the seed. The Holy Spirit opened every one of those doors. That realization reminded me that I do not have to find willing hearts. The Holy Spirit already knows where they are.

Those conversations led me to prepare our newest booklet, *Helping JW's Discover the Real Jesus: Let God's Word Speak for Itself*. The booklet is not intended to help us argue with Jehovah's Witnesses. Instead, it teaches two simple biblical principles that allow God's Word to speak for itself. The first is that context takes precedence over interpretation. The second is that a corollary is another truth that confirms the same truth. Together they allow Scripture to interpret Scripture.

One conversation took place several years ago with a husband and wife standing beside their literature display outside a Waffle House. As we read the Scriptures together, they quietly packed up their literature and left. More recently, a young Ford technician who came to my home thanked me for my knowledge of Scripture after we read John 1:3 together along with Hebrews 1:2 and 1:5 from his own New World Translation. I only served the food. The Holy Spirit allowed them to digest it.

Enclosed is a copy of our newest booklet along with a simple Scripture card containing John 1:3 and Hebrews 1:2, 5 from the New World Translation. These two passages beautifully demonstrate how God's Word confirms itself. My prayer is that these simple tools will encourage believers to become faithful sowers and lovingly let God's Word speak for itself.

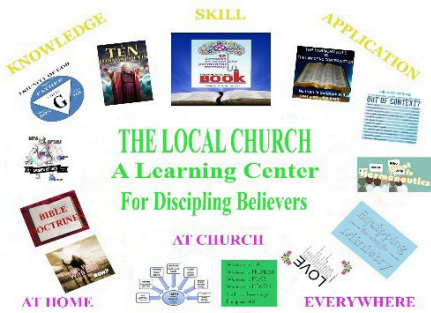
Our new booklet is also available free of charge on the Booklets page of our website. It is the newest booklet in the list and may be read or downloaded at any time. Those receiving this prayer letter through regular mail who do not use the Internet are welcome to request a complimentary printed copy, and we will gladly send one.

May I leave you with one final thought? Every disciple was first reached by a sower. If every saved believer would prayerfully ask the LORD each day to open one door, imagine what He could do through thousands of willing hearts carrying the seed of His Word wherever they go. The Great Commission begins with a sower. The Holy Spirit prepares the heart. A soul trusts Christ. A disciple begins to grow. Then that disciple becomes another sower, and the beautiful cycle begins again.

Someone became the sower in your story. Will you become the sower in someone else's?

Love and prayers,
Dave & Putter Weeks

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Sowing the Seed: The First Step of the Great Commission

*Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you
into all truth ... (John 16:13).*

Every disciple was first reached by a sower. As I have reflected upon that simple truth during the past few weeks, my thoughts have often returned to the years before I trusted Christ as my Savior. I can still remember the people who witnessed to me and faithfully sowed the seed of God's Word into my heart. Some planted. Others watered. On March 18, 1973, the Holy Spirit opened my understanding, and I trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior. Looking back now, I realize that every one of those people became part of my story because they were willing to sow the seed.

Can you remember the people who sowed into your life?

Perhaps it was a parent, a pastor, a Sunday school teacher, a friend, or even someone you met only once. Whoever they were, the LORD used them because they were willing to speak. Before any of us became disciples, someone first became a sower.

For many years the LORD has burdened my heart with discipleship. Learning Center Ministries was established to help believers become disciples who would one day help others become disciples. Recently, however, the LORD reminded me that discipleship begins much earlier than I had been thinking. Before there can ever be a disciple, there must first be someone willing to sow the seed of God's Word. Suddenly the Great Commission came together in my heart as one beautiful work. The sower, the willing heart, the new disciple, and the disciple who becomes another sower are all part of the same work that Jesus gave His church.

That thought has changed the way I look at every person I meet.

Instead of wondering who may or may not be interested, I simply try to sow the seed and leave the results with God.

For many years I have carried a Goodness Test card in my pocket. Whenever the LORD opens a door, I simply ask, "May I give you a little card to read?" Then I begin reading the card with them. The card explains why God gave us the Ten Commandments and why Galatians 3:24 says that the Law is our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ. God's Law does not save us. It reveals our need for the Savior. My responsibility is simply to read the card, explain it briefly, and trust the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do.

During the past few weeks, the LORD showed me something I had never noticed before. Every Jehovah's Witness I spoke with first listened as I read the Goodness Test card with them. Somewhere during the conversation, each one said, "I'm a Jehovah's Witness." One was a young Ford technician who came to my home. Others were people I met during ordinary errands. I was not searching for Jehovah's Witnesses. I was simply sowing the seed. The Holy Spirit opened every one of those doors.

That realization filled my heart with joy.

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The Holy Spirit already knows where they are.

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As I reflected upon those conversations, one sentence stayed with me.

I only served the food. The Holy Spirit allowed them to digest it.

What freedom there is in that truth. The LORD has never asked us to change hearts. He has simply asked us to sow His Word faithfully. The Holy Spirit prepares the soil, opens the understanding, and reveals the glory of Jesus Christ. Our responsibility is faithfulness. The results belong entirely to God.

May I ask you a question?

Would you like to become a faithful sower?

I have often encouraged believers in Sunday school classes with one simple thought:

Every saved person should be a sower.

Think what would happen if every believer in every church simply determined to sow the seed of God's Word wherever the LORD opened a door. Think of the millions of gospel conversations that could begin each year. Think of the willing hearts the Holy Spirit could reach because ordinary believers simply asked one question:

"May I give you a little card to read?"

Our newest booklet, *Helping JW's Discover the Real Jesus: Let God's Word Speak for Itself*, is now available on the Booklets page of our website. It is the newest booklet in the list and may be read or downloaded free of charge. If you receive this prayer letter through the mail and do not use the Internet, we will be happy to send you a complimentary copy upon request. It is our prayer that this booklet will encourage you to become another faithful sower and discover the joy of letting God's Word speak for itself.

As you finish reading this letter, I hope your thoughts return to the people who faithfully sowed the seed into your own heart. They probably had no idea how the LORD would use their witness. Today you know Christ because someone cared enough to sow the seed. Now the privilege is ours.

Will you become the sower in someone else's story?

Lord, please lead us to the willing hearts... the willing to help and the willing who will receive help.

Love and prayers,

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