





Two Goals: Colossians 4:5-6

(Keep the **MAIN THING** the main thing)

- 1. Making the most use of the <u>TIME</u> (Theological <u>TRIAGE</u>)
- 2. Knowing **HOW** to answer (instead of **WHAT** to answer)

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Learn how to ask questions:
You don't need to know all the right answers, just know how to ASK the right QUESTIONS.

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Two Powerful Questions:

- 1. What do you mean by that?
- 2. How did you come to that *conclusion*?

2 Goals Application:

Refutations vs Rebuttals

Claim: It will rain today because I am wearing brown shoes.

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Refutation: proving that the other person's **CONCLUSION** is false.

• In a *refutation*, you attack the **CONCLUSION**.

Rebuttal: showing that the other person has not *proven* that their conclusion is **TRUE**.

• In a rebuttal, you attack the **JUSTIFICATION**.

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A REFUTATION of the claim:

No, it will not rain today because the atmospheric pressure, temperature, and moisture in the air are not sufficient to provide rain.

• This requires more **KNOWLEDGE**.

A REBUTTAL of the claim:

No, not necessarily, because you wore brown shoes yesterday and it did not rain.

• This <u>only</u> requires knowledge of their <u>JUSTIFICATION</u>.

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Which is *easier*?

The **REBUTTAL**

Which takes more work?

The **REFUTATION**

Practicing Our Two Goals

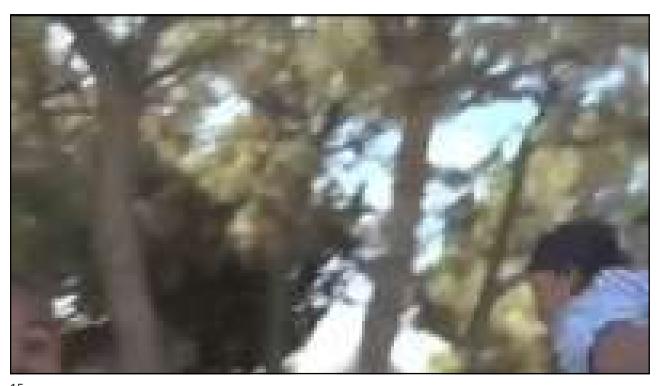
Claim: I don't believe in God because the Bible is full of contradictions!

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