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Digital Corner



"Public Wi-Fi is not secure."

That statement has been repeated ad nauseum for decades now. But is it still true?

No... and yes.

The most dangerous thing that could happen with public Wi-Fi would be signing into a fake network. Something which malicious actors have named to look official or enticingly free. There are a number of very evil and terrible things that could be done if you sign into a fake network.

Otherwise, public Wi-Fi is actually reasonably safe to use for websites which begin with [https](#) (the [s](#) being critical). If someone is observing the network, they can see that you are sending traffic to that site, but they have no clue about the contents.

For incredibly secure things like banking or government documents, it is still best to remove any possibility of risk and just use mobile data from your phone.



It's official!

Amanda and I are engaged to be married!

I proposed at the Grand Canyon on October 13th. She was not at all surprised when I popped the question, since we had already been making wedding plans. But it was still a wonderful moment to officially declare that intent.

And now that we're officially engaged, it feels like we can actually start sharing those wedding and marriage plans.

The wedding will be in Amanda's home church in Wisconsin at the end of January. I probably won't have many people on my side of the aisle, but this will allow Amanda's large family to all be there.

After our honeymoon (somewhere), we're planning on living together in Dallas. We are looking at some potential housing options around the center, but we're not entirely sure where that will be. Thankfully, neither she nor I have much stuff that we would need to move.

I'll keep on doing my work with Dallas IT, and Amanda will find something else to do part-time on the linguistics center. (Although she's been doing some volunteer work sorting at the boutique on the center this last month, she was hoping for something a bit more impactful.)

This issue

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Road trip through the Southwest

Final Lunch & Learn

MK apologetics small group

We are feeling that God is likely calling us to Papua New Guinea at some point, though we don't know if that might be in 2027 or some later date. Please keep praying for that.

The rest of the road trip

The proposal happened on a road trip with my mother and sister, Laura. The trip went through the American southwest, and I unofficially dubbed it the "holes in the ground tour" because of the number of canyons that we saw.

We went to Palo Duro Canyon, Cadillac Ranch, Tucumcari murals, Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock, the south rim of the Grand Canyon, Upper Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Glen Canyon Dam, pueblo ruins at Wupatki National Monument, Meteor Crater, Petrified Forest, and Lubbock's prairie dog town.

It was a whirlwind tour of the Southwest, with a grueling amount of driving (most of which Mom handled). But we had a ton of fun in the car as well, listening to '90s Christian music and playing 20 questions.

I was sick for the first half of the trip with a fever and loss of appetite (but no coughing or congestion, thank God!), but I managed to press through with ibuprofen and sheer grit. And thankfully, no one else got sick!

Spiritual Thoughts

In Proverbs 9, both Wisdom and Folly are personified as women who are calling out. And they begin with the same invitation: "Let all who are simple come to my house!"

The difference lies in what they offer once the simple steps inside. Wisdom offers a rich feast of truth. She offers insight, discernment, and long life.

In contrast, Folly offers easy sweetness—cheap substitutes which hide death at their end.

Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (NIV)

Neither voice is quiet, but only one offers lasting substance. Distinguishing between the counterfeit and the genuine isn't just an intellectual exercise. It's a decision-by-decision practice of opening our ears to the voice that grounds us in God's truth.



What's going on at work?

My Lunch & Learn series is wrapping up! There is just one more talk scheduled. I may repeat a few of them at the retirement home on the center, but the next one will be the final regular one.

We received a donation of computer monitors, and we're now trying to find homes for them.

Apologetics with MKs

Imagine a missionary kid graduating and going off to college or the workplace. They meet some classmates or colleagues who aren't Christian, and have objections to Christianity that this MK has never heard before. Imagine the doubt introduced in this MK's mind, and the uncertainty which eventually leads them away from their faith.

I'm saddened to think about that sort of scenario, and yet it's one that plays out every year among youths raised in strong Christian homes.

I want to help the MKs in the youth group be prepared for some of the tough questions that they'll face in life, both to keep their faith and to witness to the lost around them.

Did you know?

The Niger River begins just 150 miles inland from the ocean, but is 2,600 miles long.

To that end, I am leading a small group this semester with a focus on apologetics. We'll be discussing some of the more common objections that I've seen to Christianity, and hopefully give the youths more confidence in their faith as we find answers.

We've already gone through how the canon of the Bible was formed, and looked at some (alleged) contradictions in the Bible. Next session, we'll look at how to speak to those who have been traumatized by or suffered at the hands of Christians.

Prayer Points

Thank you so much for praying! Here is what is currently on my mind and heart.

- Wedding planning!
- Discernment about where Amanda and I are called to be long-term.
- Guidance in the MK small group.
- For the particular tasks in my work, and that devices would function as they should.
- For the last few bits of financial support to come in.

Yours in Christ,
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