



*OPEN AIR CAMPAIGNERS
PRESENTS . . .*

**THE
THREE
ROPES**

*A suggested Gospel
presentation*

THE THREE ROPES ILLUSTRATION

- 1) Three pieces of plain clothesline rope are fine for this trick if you do not have the special nylon rope available through OAC. We suggest that the three lengths of rope be 9", 16" and 24".
- 2) The following is a suggested presentation outline. This illustration could easily be extended or shortened, depending upon your need at the time. This presentation serves as an excellent introduction to a sketchboard message where the Gospel will be explained in greater detail. However, at a bus stop or subway meeting, this illustration alone has the potential of presenting the entire plan of salvation.

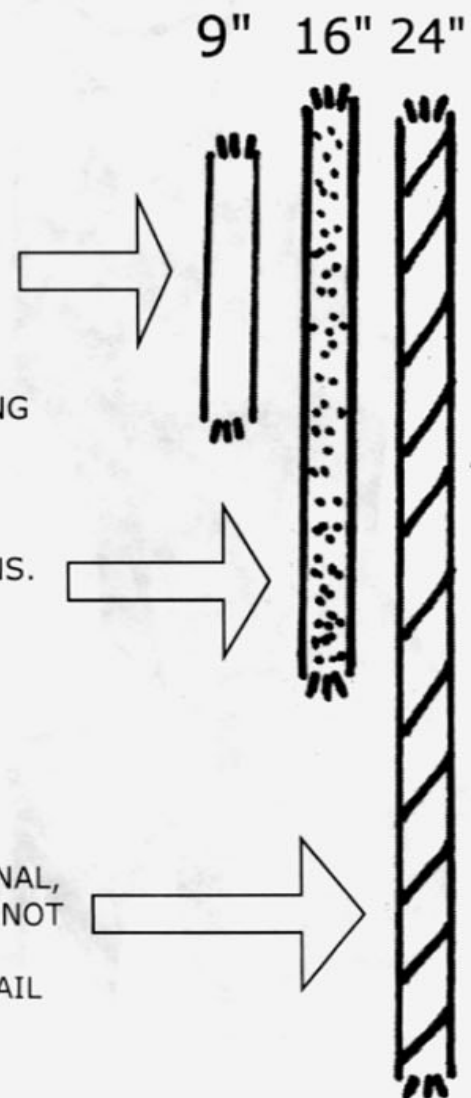
GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
INTERESTING ILLUSTRATION I WOULD LIKE TO
TODAY.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE THREE ROPES - A SMALL
ROPE, A MEDIUM ROPE AND A LONG ROPE. NOW, I
AM GOING TO LET THESE THREE ROPES REPRESENT
THREE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
TODAY.

THIS FIRST ONE HERE IS THE SHORT ROPE. AND THE
SHORT ROPE REPRESENTS THOSE PEOPLE WE KNOW
WHO HAVE A SHORT LIST OF SINS (OR THINGS THEY
HAVE DONE WRONG) AND THEY ARE REALLY NICE
PEOPLE TO BE AROUND. THE KIND OF PEOPLE YOU
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AROUND BECAUSE THEY TREAT
YOU NICE AND - GENERALLY ARE VERY FINE UPSTANDING
INDIVIDUALS.

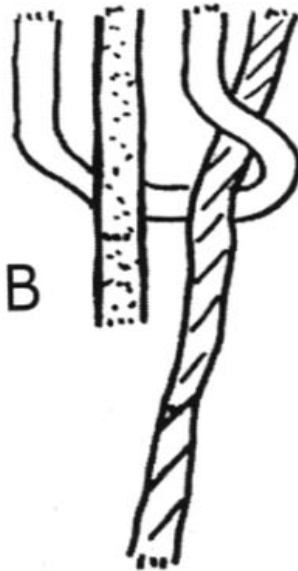
THE SECOND ROPE IS THE MEDIUM ROPE AND THIS
STANDS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A MEDIUM LIST OF SINS.
THEY ARE THE TYPE OF PERSON WE WOULD PROBABLY
CALL OURSELVES. I KNOW I WOULD CLASSIFY MYSELF
WITH THIS TYPE OF PERSON. HE HAS SOME GOOD
THINGS HE HAS DONE, BUT HE ALSO HAS SOME BAD
THINGS IN HIS LIFE THAT HE KNOWS HE HAS DONE.

THIS THIRD ROPE REPRESENTS A PERSON WHO HAS A
L-O-O-O-NG LIST OF SINS. THIS PERSON IS THE CRIMINAL,
THE DOWN-AND-OUTER, THE ONE WHO WE REALLY DO NOT
LIKE TO BE AROUND AT ALL. HE IS THE TYPE WHO IS
ALWAYS PICKED UP BY THE POLICE AND IS FOUND IN JAIL
CELLS AND OTHER UNDESIRABLE PLACES.





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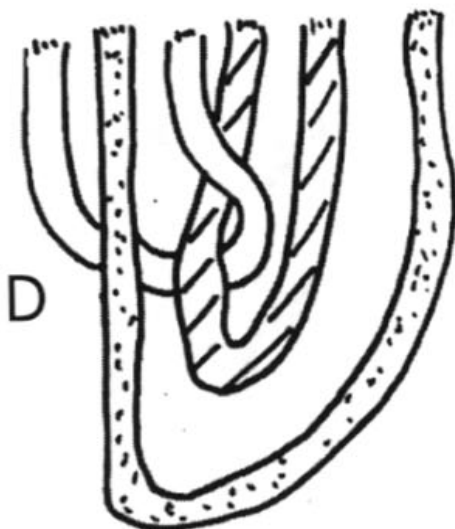


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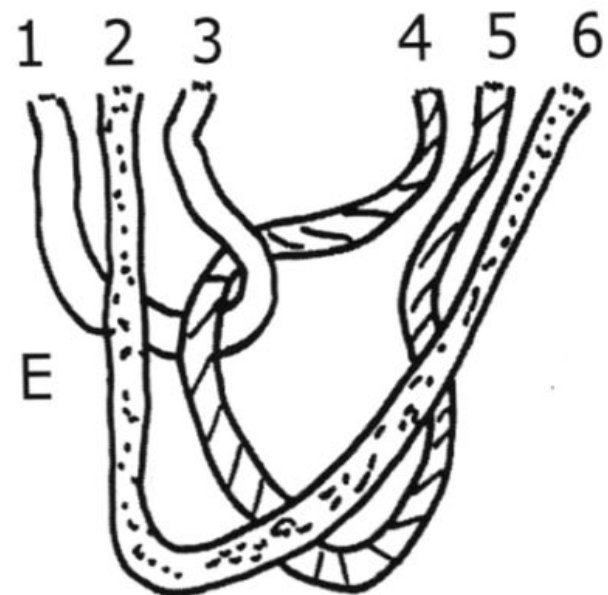


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YOU KNOW, IT IS EASY FOR US TO SEE VARIOUS CLASSIFICATIONS OF PEOPLE LIKE THIS (steps a - d during this section) BUT THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT GOD SEES ALL PEOPLE IN ONE OF TWO CATEGORIES (e). MAN LOOKS ON THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE, BUT GOD LOOKS ON THE HEARTS OF MEN AND SEES THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS ONE CATEGORY AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT AS ANOTHER. *(At this point, you have much flexibility to detail and/or outline a Gospel presentation depending on the time available, type of people your audience is made up of, etc.).*



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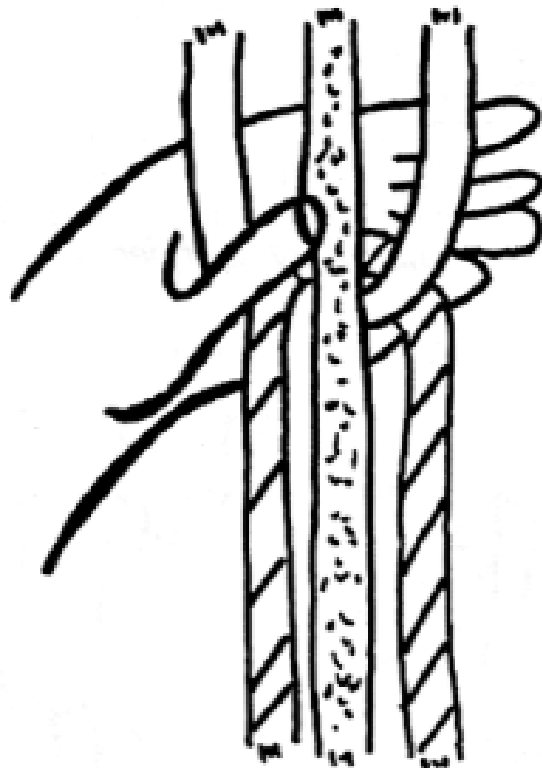


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(Looking at figure "e" from the previous page, the rope ends numbered "4, 5, 6. are to be grasped and carefully pulled in a downward direction. They should then look similar to the diagram on this page. Your thumb can be used to cover the "knot" where the ropes cross. Here, the ropes appear to be three of equal length to the audience).

WHEN WE TRUST CHRIST AS SAVIOR, GOD THEN SEES US AS EQUALS, NO MATTER WHAT OUR PAST LIVES WERE LIKE. SO, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IN THE PAST WE HAVE HAD A LONG LIST, A MEDIUM LIST OR A SHORT LIST OF SINS; GOD IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE US OF OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

(At this point, an invitation can be given for those desiring to give their lives to Christ. Or, if you are using the three ropes to lead into another segment of the meeting, now is the appropriate time to do so).



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