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# Gravity Corner

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***Matthew 10:16***

***16 “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.***

Hands down, the most trying, difficult, and physically demanding object lesson I have ever done has to be a short movie I made called “Gravity Corner”.

I came up with the idea from a Saturday Night Live skit I had seen in 1986. Comedy magicians Penn and Teller were featured that night and one of their best moments involved them doing various basic tasks, but with very unique twists. Gravity did not work normally for them that night.

Fast forward in time about 15 years. Imagine a 45 year old guy building a set based on that old Penn and Teller skit, and convincing his kids to help him film one of the silliest things he has ever tried to do!

The preparation took several days, planning everything in detail. There were safety concerns to be addressed as well. The result was an unedited 10 minute video that took a total of 45 minutes to record. It was the most physically demanding thing I have ever done in my life!

It was filmed in a VHS format, so the quality is a bit lacking. I wish I could have a do-over and get a nice digital version, but I am not sure that I could do it again at my present age.

If I could have an entertainment themed television show, this movie would be my first episode. Spoiler alert—the show is all about gravity!

When you begin watching the movie, you may genuinely be amazed at what I was able to do. Eventually though, you will probably figure things out, and not be quite as amazed, but hopefully still entertained.

The world you live in is genuinely difficult to understand at times. It can look impossible at first. But understand that God is in control of everything, and He knows what is going on. The good thing is that we have been given a behind the scenes look at this world and how it operates. It is commonly called “The Bible”.

God has spelled out in remarkable detail what we can expect here on this earth. He has also given us everything we need to know to deal with the difficulties handed to us. Use the resource He has given you. Read and study your Bible!

**So Where Did The Word “Corner” Come From?**

To answer that question, we travel back in time to the Roman Empire. The Latin word used to describe a projecting point or a horn was *cornu*. The French picked it up as *corne* hundreds of years later. By the 1300’s, through use and the natural changes that a living language normally undergoes, the French had modified it to become the word *cornere.* We Englishmen borrowed it from the French and made it ours by deleting the *e*.

**Corner Idioms Found In Our Culture**

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**Question:**

What is red and sits in the corner?

**How many of these do you know?**

1. To corner the market

2. To back someone into a corner.

3. To cut corners.

4. From the four corners of the world.

5. To have someone in your corner.

6. Out of the corner of ones eye.

7. To turn the corner.

8. To be in a tight corner

9. Catty-corner

10. To paint into a corner.

11. To be around the corner.

12. A corner kick.

13. The corner pocket.

14. A cornerback

15. Bringing in the corners

16. A corner throw

17. Riding a good corner.

18. Long and short corners

19. Cow corner.

20. A neutral corner.

21. The corner rule.

22. Kings in the corner.

23. Corner chess.

24. Lutz corner.

**My Little Poem Corner**

A candy bar.

A piece of cake.

Two liter Coke.

A chocolate shake.

Crème filled Long Johns.

Oreos.

Two dozen glazed

Doughnut holes.

A slice of pie

Make it two.

I’ll have another.

Three will do.

Vanilla wafers.

Cherry punch.

My wife slept in

While I made lunch