

Amy: Welcome to A Word Fitly Spoken, a podcast about Jesus, His Word, and our joy in following Him. I'm Amy Spreeman.

Michelle: And I'm Michelle Lesley. When is it okay for Christians to "Hit the Bar?" In a few minutes we're going to be talking with two people who love the Lord, and they - unfortunately - need to hit the bar more often than they'd like! We're talking about Steve Kozar and his wife Paulette, hosts of a fairly new Christian ministry on YouTube - titled...Hit the Bar.

Amy: Yes, but for the Kozars, hitting the bar doesn't mean what you think. No, they're not going into taverns or nightclubs - Hit The Bar in this case refers to hitting the space bar and pausing the deceptive teachings coming from famous celebrity preachers, apostles and prophets (we put bunny ears around those titles since there's no such thing as modern day apostles and prophets). These are the folks who are bringing in a very different message to the masses rather than the true Gospel of Christ. On their YouTube channel the Kozars will play these recordings for their viewers, and when they hear something that contradicts Scripture, they'll hit pause and check these teachings against what God's Word says.

Michelle: Amy, I know you've partnered with Steve on a few projects, and I am excited to meet them both...

Amy: Steve and I go way back to 2012 or 2013, I found one of his blog posts over at his site, The Messed Up Church, and it was really good! Long story short, I ended up reading that article, titled, Want Some False Teaching in Your Life? Try These Handy Tips, and a few years later the two of us partnered up with Chris Rosebrough on Pirate Christian Radio and the three of us were known as the Pirate Gang and would do programs about discernment issues facing Christians. Steve and Paulette recently started their YouTube videos together. So let's bring them in! Welcome Steve and Paulette!

Steve and Paulette say hello: ...thanks, great to be here, etc....

Michelle: Steve, you've been a writer for many years and a lot of what you cover is about the things in the modern Church that are really taking people's eyes off of the Bible and the Good News of the Gospel, and you're sounding the alarm. What started you in this path? Were you yourself subjected to some of these things you write about?

Steve: ...answers...

Michelle: You two I understand met young. What was your background - Did you both grow up in church families?

Paulette and Steve: ...answers

Amy: When would you say God really opened your eyes to the truth about Jesus?

Paulette and Steve: ...answers

Michelle: You both really have a heart for people in the church who are sitting under teachers who are not telling them the truth. And you've got a number of resources for those trying to figure out what to do and if they should speak up.... What are your thoughts about doing discernment writing?

Steve: (Talks about deception getting worse - why discernment is important.)

Amy: Paulette, what I find really neat is that you have joined Steve on your latest adventure - the Hit the Bar YouTube channel, and I know that this is something fairly new to you. How did he drag you in? (haha) Seriously...how did you two start this Hit the Bar series of episodes? Explain what that's all about.

Paulette: ...answers...

Amy: And of course the star of this show is Lucy! We all love that dog! But Lucy doesn't seem impressed with the subject matter...

(All - banter about Lucy!)

Michelle: Of all the things you two have been covering, what has surprised you the most? Paulette I will start with you:

Paulette and Steve: ...answers

Michelle: Steve, what do you think is the most deceptive trend or movement in the Church today?

Steve: ...answers

Amy: Steve, speaking of movements like the NAR and how it twists the work of the Holy Spirit, last summer you and I were invited to take part in a special documentary project. And we got to meet up at your house for the filming.. Let's tell our listeners about that.

(All - Banter)

Michelle: We're going to put a bunch of resources and links to all of these topics in our show notes. Steve and Paulette, what is your next Hit The Bar project going to be about? (NOTE - THIS PODCAST AIRS NEXT WEDNESDAY)

Amy: One thing that our listeners might not know is that Paulette married an artist! Steve is an incredible painter. His water colors are so vivid and so realistic that it looks like you're actually part of the painting. I'm going to link up a Wisconsin Public Radio feature on Steve and his work in our show notes today, so check that out. Steve - talk to us about your artistic side,

Steve: ...answers...

Michelle: Steve and Paulette, we'll have all of the links to your work in our show notes, but please let our listeners know how they can find you.

Paulette and Steve: ...answer

Amy: Thank you both so much for being on the show. It's always great to chat with you, and I encourage our listeners to connect with you and follow you.

Steve and Paulette say goodbye

Michelle: That's going to do it for this episode of A Word Fitly Spoken. We hope this conversation has been edifying! You can find all of our resources for today's show at [A Word Fitly Spoken.life](http://AWordFitlySpoken.life), and while you are there be sure to subscribe to our podcast.

Amy: And until next time, be in the Word so you can grow in your discernment, and walk worthy.