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Assaulted by Salt? *Newsweek* Makes a Correction

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Newsweek magazine recently published this correction:

In the Feb. 6 article "<u>Cut, Thrust and Christ</u>," we misquoted Jerry Falwell as using the words "assault ministry." In fact, Falwell was referring to "a salt ministry," a reference to Matthew 5:13 where Jesus says "ye are the salt of the earth."

The article reported on the fact that evangelical schools are dominating the college debate competitions, with <u>Liberty University</u> ranked number one in the nation. <u>Harvard University</u> is currently ranked 14th.

Clearly, the Newsweek reporter had no concept of a "salt ministry" and simply misunderstood Dr. Falwell's statement.

Nevertheless, the mistake is really funny in its own way. An "assault ministry" or a "salt ministry?" Perhaps it is hard to tell the difference some times, when the presence and influence of salt can seem like an assault. Still, I would rather be found acting like salt, than launching an assault. May God grant us grace to know the difference.

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