Chat Example: Loneliness

GAVIN 11:07:49 am

Hey

COACH 11:07:50 am

Hello Gavin how ru today?

GAVIN 11:08:27 am I'm not doing good

COACH 11:08:45 am

tell me more - what's going on?

GAVIN 11:10:45 am

I'm 22 years old and as of now it's been 2 years since my girlfriend of 4 years broke up with me and I've been pretty much feeling lonely ever since then but it seems like today it's really starting to hit me hard. Like all I pretty much do is work hang out with friends when they're available and just go on dating apps but it seems like no matter what I do I never seem to find anyone that wants to be with me or is interested in me like I don't even have person who seemingly has a crush on me. I have no shortage and friends and I have love my family but I'm really yearning for that romantic connection and it seems like it just keeps alluding me and it seems like no one's really interested in me

COACH 11:12:05 am

I'm sorry you are feeling lonely is that all you seem to focus on?

GAVIN 11:13:33 am

To be honest yes. It's the one thing I want and it's the one thing that keeps alluding me. I know I shouldn't focus on it but it's hard when that's the only thing you don't seem to have and want

COACH 11:14:20 am

You were in a relationship for much of your adult life - its hard to adjust to life without that kind of relationship currently

GAVIN 11:14:53 am

Actually most of my teen life I was with my girlfriend when I was in high school and I'm 22 now and we broke up 2 years ago

COACH 11:15:05 am that is a long time where do you stand spiritually?

GAVIN 11:15:24 am

I'm a Christian

COACH 11:15:42 am

on a scale 1-10 - how committed are you to growing in Christ?

GAVIN 11:16:01 am

8

COACH 11:16:07 am

hmmm

if so high - why are you still struggling with loneliness?

GAVIN 11:17:27 am

Because like I said I want that romantic connection. And even though I do love God and I know that I'm not completely alone there's still that commitment romantically that I want with someone and it seems like I don't attract anyone to me or even feel like I'm intriguing enough to attract someone

Because I know that when it comes to relationships it's mainly looks and personality that get you someone and I think I'm at least a seven, and looks but I don't know how I am personality wise to attract someone

COACH 11:18:10 am

what does that mean to you Gavin - "romantically"?

GAVIN 11:18:33 am

Like someone I can be with that I can envision a future with leading to marriage $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1\right) +\left$

COACH 11:19:11 am

ok - so you are not struggling with the physical aspects relationships can tempt you with, outside of marriage?

GAVIN 11:20:10 am

I was for a bit but I've gotten over that now I just more yearn for that emotional connection and truly feeling like that person loves me and wants to be with me that's what I'm really yearning for

COACH 11:20:48 am

that is a gift from God - to have that yearning for relationship sometimes He puts us through deserts to help us grow so we can be better for Him and for whomever comes into our lives bottom line, its what you choose to focus on - Him or "her" Gavin, I've been thru unpleasant "deserts" - they are no fun but I look back at them with gratitude for where I am now

GAVIN 11:24:14 am

But I'm sure you had girls that at least want to talk to you even as friends. I literally walk into a room and sit down and no one wants to talk to me I don't attract people to me. I know ultimately it's my fault I should be more attracted to people I should be more assertive when it comes to interacting with people I know I blame myself 90% of the time but it almost feels like even when I try I don't get anything either way

COACH 11:26:16 am

My friend - I am nothing special and no one goes out of their way to talk with me. With all due respect, your focus or mindset needs to be adjusted I've experience rejection all my life when I focused on rejection, I had my own pity parties when I chose to focus my mind on who I am - Who I belong to in Christ - your thinking changes

GAVIN 11:29:02 am

When I focus on myself all I see is how many times I failed when I should have succeeded

COACH 11:29:36 am

Let's get to the root of loneliness... when you say "I'm a Christian" what does that mean to you??

GAVIN 11:30:02 am

I follow Christ

COACH 11:30:10 am

keep going...

GAVIN 11:30:56 am

I go to church when I can. I understand I'm a sinner

COACH 11:31:11 am

may I ask personal question?

GAVIN 11:31:17 am

Sure

COACH 11:31:25 am are you viewing porn?

GAVIN 11:31:46 am Every now and then

COACH 11:32:02 am

it's a struggle for most men

but it takes away from our growing in Christ

the Holy Spirit cannot dwell in an unholy temple

You are God's Holy temple when you ask Jesus to forgive you with His blood His blood cleanses you from sin

that is much of why you are struggling with loneliness - your focus is on yourself - not as much on God

- 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thess 5
- 12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2

the pattern of this world wants us to view porn - watch movies with nudity - pity ourselves for not having what they show in the entertainment

GAVIN 11:37:31 am

I don't just want the sex I just want something he actually seems like she want to be with me. You should have come on watch is like sort of like that romantic kind of it's like it's more soldiers than like talking about how much they love each other and then they come to the sex is very like sensual and not degrading

COACH 11:39:31 am

my friend, when you choose to pursue God with all of your heart, with all of your mind and with all of your soul - your mindset will change you won't be focusing on how lonely you are - you'll be focusing on pleasing Him

GAVIN 11:40:31 am

I know....I know

COACH 11:41:03 am

I don't want to preach to you - I'm just speaking from my own personal experience

this is why I'm "urging" you to offer your body as a living sacrifice...

GAVIN 11:41:54 am

How so. How do I just let go

COACH 11:42:50 am

I committed to surrendering my life after being a Christian over 40 years to living my life Romans 12:1-2 - it has changed my life

When you commit to living that kind of life - you'll be a far better husband, father, man

GAVIN 11:43:54 am

That's all I want to be

COACH 11:44:17 am

He will bless you with someone in His time - my youngest daughter is also experiencing similar feelings you are

its not easy

nor enjoyable - but you'll experience God like you've never experienced before and you won't want to go back to who you were before

Here's my challenge - memorize Romans 12:1-2

pray it

meditate on it every opportunity you can

GAVIN 11:46:04 am

Ok

I'll try

COACH 11:46:37 am

focus on it - don't allow the loneliness to creep in - because it will demand you do

loneliness is very selfish and demands a lot of your time - it tells you how worthless you are - but that is an absolute lie

GAVIN 11:48:02 am

And what if I am

COACH 11:48:20 am

then you are not believing the Truth of the Bible do you honestly believe Jesus would have died for someone "worthless"????

GAVIN 11:49:01 am

No

COACH 11:49:09 am

Please - do not minimize His sacrifice for you He loved you even while you were a sinner rejecting Him you are far from worthless - You are a Child of Almighty God if you have committed your life to Him.

GAVIN 11:51:12 am I understand I think

COACH 11:52:06 am

When you accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord & Savior you are immediately adopted into the inheritance of Almighty God He has covered your sin with His blood and made you Holy in the sight of God

That makes you His treasure!!

GAVIN 11:53:31 am

I haven't thought of it that way

COACH 11:54:14 am

the world's lies have a way of creeping into our mindset and you have bought into it with the feelings of loneliness...

that my friend is focusing on yourself

when you focus on God's Word and learn to believe His promises are true - it changes your thinking

You begin focusing on how you can bless others and being thankful for what He has given you

GAVIN 11:56:12 am

I hope to do that

COACH 11:56:29 am Begin with Romans 12:1-2

GAVIN 11:57:21 am

I will

COACH 11:57:36 am may I pray for you?

GAVIN 11:57:42 am

Yes

COACH 11:58:06 am

Precious Father in Heaven - I pray in the name of Jesus for Gavin

I pray he will accept the urging I have shared with him through Your Word...

I pray he will offer himself up as a living sacrifice unto you holy and pleasing unto you

I pray that he will learn and understand the lies of this world and no longer be subjected to its lies or pleasures

I pray he will choose Your Word over the enticements of this world

I pray You will help him overcome loneliness

as he learns to choose You

I pray you will help him understand the true value of relationship beginning with You Lord Jesus

Help him replace thoughts of loneliness with Your promises

I pray in the name of Jesus - AMEN!!!

I hope our chat was a bit of help for you Gavin

GAVIN 12:05:52 pm

It was amen and thank you

COACH 12:06:11 pm God bless you my friend