

Chat Example: Dying to Self - Man

COACH 4:35 PM

Hello DONOVAN

DONOVAN 4:35 PM

Hey

How's it going

COACH 4:36 PM

I'm fine, thank you. How are you?

DONOVAN 4:36 PM

Alright . Kinda lost

COACH 4:36 PM

Sorry about that, DONOVAN. What's on your mind?

It says you are typing, and I don't want to interrupt ... just letting you know I'm here. :)

DONOVAN 4:42 PM

So 5 years ago I fell from a cliff, I for sure knew I broke my right femur , but wasn't sure about the left leg or knee. Was there for 3 days , tried moving as much as I could . Didn't get far. On the third night with no phone , I said screw it and put all the weight on my left to straighten out my right. Immediately it dislocated. I said God whatever happens happens, I give me trying up to you. 15 minutes later I was spotted by a man on a horse. In these 5 years I've been a drug addict, smoker (cigs), started a Christian clothing brand, been lost , hope, discouraged , depressed. Prolonging the time , because I didn't know what I was gonna do with my life. Quit all that stuff. Still don't have purpose or do I even hear from God/Jesus / holy spirit

COACH 4:44 PM

Wow, DONOVAN, that is quite a story ... and what an ordeal!

So let's pick it up from your point of your crying out to God on the ground

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That was an amazing sign, so what caused you to turn to drugs after that? (Or were you already doing drugs prior?)

DONOVAN 4:51 PM

I knew and felt the Holy Spirit and knew God was with me on the cliff. I would've been dead if not. I felt peace and even in the hospital. After 2 weeks of being in the hospital I got home. Then back to reality, I stopped feeling him. When I felt his peace at home, I was on fire for him and that's when I started my clothing brand. Unemployment ran out so that stopped, then him being with me stopped. Then I got bored and started playing with drugs. Took 480mg of morphine . I don't if I overdosed or not, but with no one's help just woke up and did it all again. Then seeking attention and boredom did a binge on dust off, alcohol. Then I stopped that, moved on to cooking and bbqing. Then losing weight. I've ready like 44 books of the Bible. Seeking Him, listening to worship praying , fasting . Still nothing

COACH 4:53 PM

In light of all this, where are you now in your faith?

DONOVAN 4:54 PM

Stagnant

I finished truck driving school, and I hope that I'm taking the right step and direction in Gods plan for my life

COACH 4:55 PM

Do you have any lingering disabilities? I am taking the truck driving to mean hopefully not.

DONOVAN 4:56 PM

Also, since we are in the end of the end days, I just hope there is enough time to get married, be financially blessed, help my family financially, be a kingdom man, kingdom son, kingdom uncle, and kingdom husband . Want to bring people to Jesus, and have a lifestyle and an abundant life before he comes back. Also, my dream body , but I'm scared there's not enough time left

No i don't

Wouldn't even say I was a drug addict . That stuff was like 3/4 years ago. No missing teeth or anything like that lol

COACH 4:58 PM

Glad you came through that, DONOVAN.

like a flower pedals blow bible

Also, it is impressive that you have consumed so much of the Word. I admire your dedication in that.

DONOVAN 5:00 PM

I won't drink anymore

I didn't get anything from it so I was discouraged and stopped

COACH 5:01 PM

I hope you realize that seeking God is a spiritual pursuit, not an intellectual one.

And our hope is in eternity, not the here and now. "We grow like a flower in the field. After the wind blows, the flower is gone, and there is no sign of where it was."

"But the Lord's love for those who respect him continues forever and ever."

DONOVAN 5:02 PM

If people say God has a plan for you, then how are we going to accomplish that plan if there isn't enough time to do it

COACH 5:03 PM

God factors in all things, DONOVAN. He is God. If he has a plan for you, he will equip you to accomplish it, including whatever longevity is required.

DONOVAN 5:04 PM

I just hope trucking isn't all that I'm going to be. I don't want to just be a "trucker"

I want to be told well done good and faithful servant. How do I find and discover my identity and talents God has given me?

COACH 5:06 PM

Do you consider yourself to be born again? (Do you know what I mean by that?)

DONOVAN 5:06 PM

I do, I've said that pray over and over, but I've never been baptized
I truly want to seek Him, but it's discouraging when I get nothing

COACH 5:08 PM

On the born again front, let me just ask about your understanding about the requirements to gain Heaven.

So you're standing before God at the end of your days, and He say,
"DONOVAN, why should I let you into Heaven?" And you say ...

DONOVAN 5:09 PM

Because I've tried bringing my best friend and sister to Jesus. I know I'm not the best role model and salt, but my goal is to be that influence and who I need to be to have that influence

In the culinary world salt enhances flavor, so I want their lives to be enhanced by Christianity . Just don't know how to make it not sound like a religion which I know it's not

COACH 5:12 PM

So your case to God would be that you have sincerely tried as best you can, and you hope that He knows you are true in your deeds for Him and then hope that He finds that satisfactory?

DONOVAN 5:12 PM

No, cause that would be works based

COACH 5:13 PM

Ah, that is what I was driving at. So what is it about then?

DONOVAN 5:14 PM

I believe that He sent His son to die on the cross for our sins , and that he was risen on the third day and that you cannot go to the father except through Jesus.

COACH 5:14 PM

Amen, DONOVAN.

DONOVAN 5:15 PM

Not sure if I'm saved, but even if I was , I wouldn't want to make it by the skin of my teeth and go to heaven without rewards

Plus I want to finish living my life and running the race and experiencing the good in life

What's it like to have abundant life, be a husband , provide for my family and immediate family, doing fun things, living life really
I'd hate to go to heaven having done nothing for 5 years

COACH 5:17 PM

First of all, as to being saved, if you believe as you stated, your salvation will never be lost. 1 John 5:13 is clear about that.

I too was once where you are now concerning not having done what I want to for the Lord. ...

But, for me, I was a receive-only Christian. I believed whole-heartedly and loved the Lord and the Word. ...

But it was about me, and not about God.

Jesus said to seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.

I wasn't living that.

I think we all have to demonstrate to God that He is first, above all else, even self.

Noble pursuits might not accomplish that unless that priority is right. I could even be a form of idolatry to put self above God.

*It

So I think it begins with worship Him in spirit and in truth. And meditating on His Word.

Become one with Him, with Jesus in a position of Lordship over all, and I do believe He will respond to your wishes. Jesus said so.

DONOVAN 5:26 PM

Is listening to Christian music over secular music a form of worship, because I could've chose secular. Lol I don't even think this new Christian music (bethel, hillsong, elevation, and other is sound), so I'm talking about biblically sound Christian music . Also, how do I die to self? Do I not make any move until God has directed that step? Has God given you blessings, relationships, life experiences, and the desires of your heart?

Me reading the Bible was just words, nothing popped out at me, or gave me revelations

I do want to go his direction, but will his direction bring me financial success ?

I like budgeting and living frugal, while still not compromising on quality and value

COACH 5:28 PM

What ever direction God puts you on will find success in the eyes of God, and will bring Glory to Jesus. I cannot say whether that means riches in this world--maybe so--but certainly riches in the Kingdom of God.

DONOVAN 5:31 PM

I also feel like heaven is going to be boring. Just worshiping him and to an extent , with no offense to him , but like robots just praying and singing . I'm wild, reckless , and impulsive, but I want to use those for doing wholesome things like exploring, adventuring, climbing, riding motorcycles, learning drums, being creative and artistic .

I want to accomplish and be that person on earth, but heaven to me doesn't seem like well experience that. I know heaven doesn't have marriage, but to Jesus only . I just hope there is enough time to be that person He wants me to be

COACH 5:36 PM

God created you, DONOVAN. He knows you better than you know yourself. All of your interests and talents were programmed into you by the Almighty. And as for boredom in Heaven, you are selling God short. If you find interests in this wonderful creation now, why can He not make a new world in eternity that blows you mind? "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

DONOVAN 5:36 PM

I don't know my full identity, skills, talents, hobbies, and interests

COACH 5:37 PM

But God does.

Pursue God, not your interests.

He is the Creator and you are created.

It's all His, even you and me.

DONOVAN 5:38 PM

Also I feel like when something goes good for me, something bad end up happening and it discourages me. Why don't I feel God no matter how hard I try and seek him. I've even done a fast from social media, phone, and music. Except for reading books on my phone .

How do I discover those interests, hobbies, talents, and skills?

I feel like my laziness and comfort is interfering with my relationship with God

God

COACH 5:41 PM

Like I said, pursue God, not your interests. Placing self (or anything) over God is idolatry, plain and simple. I am talking to myself as well.

DONOVAN 5:41 PM

Will it come?

COACH 5:43 PM

It has all already come. The work on the cross is complete. The battle is already won. "It is finished." The Holy Spirit has been given to all who believe.

DONOVAN 5:43 PM

I've taught myself to cook and bbq, nutrition and biochemistry, biomechanics, and working out . Too lazy to workout lol. Still not satisfied . I'm not walking in confidence or self esteem either so I'm not doing something right

COACH 5:44 PM

No offense, DONOVAN, but I'm hearing a lot of self here.

DONOVAN 5:44 PM

I hear that a lot lol

What do I do?

COACH 5:46 PM

"Man looks upon the outer appearance, but God looks upon the heart." God knows your heart, DONOVAN -- whether you want Him to or not. What does God see in you heart concerning Himself>

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DONOVAN 5:48 PM

I know He is the way , truth, and life. I know He's saved me from death a few times. I know I want to be a genuine salt and light and serve his purpose

COACH 5:48 PM

What does God want from you?

DONOVAN 5:49 PM

He wants me to be like Christ and to repent of my sins

COACH 5:53 PM

Yes. But what I'm getting at is that He wants you to acknowledge that He is Most High God, Creator of All Things, Ruler of Heaven and Earth ... not just someone you check in with from time to time and figure out how you can

obtain blessing from. God first, and nothing else. It is the first commandment, and repeated by Jesus: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

DONOVAN 5:54 PM

I do genuinely want to glorify him

What am I supposed to do to have that relationship with him

COACH 5:54 PM

Are you familiar with cattle or sheep at all?

DONOVAN 5:54 PM

I know they follow is it

COACH 5:55 PM

No, that's not where I'm going.

DONOVAN 5:55 PM

I'm not familiar

COACH 5:55 PM

Are you familiar with rumination>

DONOVAN 5:55 PM

No

COACH 5:56 PM

Do you ever see cows lying in the field anywhere that you might drive by?

DONOVAN 5:56 PM

I've seen them lie on their stomach, but not on their side

COACH 5:57 PM

Ever notice them chewing while lying there?

DONOVAN 5:57 PM

No

COACH 5:57 PM

Look out for that. They are ruminating.

Their anatomy is such that they have multiple stomachs, and they lie there and spit up their undigested food and chew on it some more in an ongoing process.

DONOVAN 5:58 PM

So they throw it up and then eat their throw up

COACH 5:59 PM

A little less gross than you are implying, but basically yes.

So one suggestion I have for you is to engage in Christian mediation. Unlike transcendental meditation, where you vacate your mind, with Christian mediation, you are filling your mind with the Word of God. "Ruminating" on the Word.

DONOVAN 6:02 PM

What happens if I don't feel that God is there ?

I don't know how to hear his voice, nor have I ever
*His voice

COACH 6:02 PM

You are beckoning God on His terms. He's the one to be sought after. It is not about instant gratification.

DONOVAN 6:03 PM

Is it possible to be free and forgiven of Narcissism

Will God give me clear path and direction?

COACH 6:04 PM

If you are saved, you are forgiven for all things. As far deliverance from that, certainly.

DONOVAN 6:04 PM

I need deliverance from that

COACH 6:05 PM

Yes. But you have to get your relationship right. You have to know your place in the presence of a Sovereign and Most Holy God.

DONOVAN 6:05 PM

I don't know how to listen and care about other people, but myself. Or have relationship with other people

I don't know how to have a relationship with God

I listen to Keith Green and other Christian music , hoping that I'd hear from God

COACH 6:07 PM

You don't have to have broken femurs to cry out to God, DONOVAN.

DONOVAN 6:07 PM

That's exactly how I felt lol.

COACH 6:07 PM

I'm sure you vividly remember the state of your heart back then.

DONOVAN 6:07 PM

I've never been more humbled

I want that back

COACH 6:08 PM

It's exactly where you need to benow.

You have to humble yourself before God ... that is, unless you want another catastrophe to get your attention. :)

DONOVAN 6:08 PM

I've cried out to him in lost desperation though since then

COACH 6:10 PM

Is God seeing persistence, perseverance from you in your pursuit of Him? How serious does He see you as being concerning Him?

DONOVAN 6:11 PM

I've phone fasted , other than reading . I've read the Bible and prayed, invited Him at night with no other distractions. Watched Christian YouTube like applyGodsword , seemed out at church. Nothing
Sseeked

I always wanna know his direction

Even stopped sinning sexually , drinking, smoking cigs. Kinda backslidden in sexual immorality, because of boredom .

COACH 6:15 PM (sent)

Is it like you've handed money to the checkout clerk and you're standing there waiting for change?

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https://groundwire.echoglobal.org/chat/JesusCares?utm_source=direct&utm_campaign=direct&utm_medium=direct&utm_content=direct 6:16 PM

DONOVAN 6:16 PM

I don't know, maybe

COACH 6:19 PM

My point is, and don't be offended (you're the one who mentioned narcissism) but I'm hear a lot of me, me, me, where it should be you saying God, God, God. There must be something not right about your spiritual offering to God. Cain more than Abel.

DONOVAN 6:20 PM

Not offended. Truth is truth lol. What do I do to change that. I just can't help, but not want to hear God, have His peace , and assurance of if I'm doing is right. The answers basically

Sick of being lost, discouraged, hopeless

COACH 6:22 PM

Purify your offering. Did you get my point about *ruminating* on the Word.

DONOVAN 6:23 PM

I also want blessings, but that doesn't mean when I get the answers and blessings , I'm letting my relationship with God go. Thanks for giving me what I want and then just leave Him . I want to be on fire for God in any situation . Doesn't mean I don't want those blessings. I want to lead people to Jesus

I did get that point

COACH 6:24 PM

Read the praise Psalms of David. Got said that David was a man after His own heart.

DONOVAN 6:24 PM

I've read em all

I want to be a man after His heart, but David also had everything

COACH 6:25 PM

Again, you say you want blessings. God is not an ATM. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God ..."

DONOVAN 6:25 PM

Are those things possible to get?

COACH 6:26 PM

What, the blessings?

DONOVAN 6:26 PM

Yes

COACH 6:27 PM

Absolutely, but God wants to know that you get it that He is God, to be worshiped and glorified, and eternity is the objective, not the corruption of this world. You're not sending that vibe.

DONOVAN 6:28 PM

blessed to be a blessing

I want to be that kind of person

COACH 6:28 PM

If you want to be a servant of God, then you have to submit to God, not give Him your Christmas list.

DONOVAN 6:29 PM

How do I do that?

COACH 6:29 PM

Deny self, for one.

I'm talking about in your psyche.

DONOVAN 6:30 PM

How do I do that?

COACH 6:30 PM

How would you act if Almighty God appeared before you right now?

DONOVAN 6:32 PM

Probably hug him. Is my heart harden because I don't know what I would do

be in awe

COACH 6:33 PM

What does being in awe look like? Describe your actions.

DONOVAN 6:34 PM

Give thanks, be grateful

COACH 6:35 PM

You mean have a chat with Him?

DONOVAN 6:36 PM

I am not feeling how I should probably be feeling with that question. I don't know what I would do

COACH 6:36 PM

You are well-read. Have you read the passage where Moses asks God to show him His Glory?

DONOVAN 6:37 PM

I don't know my expression in that moment would be

COACH 6:37 PM

Have you read that in Moses?

DONOVAN 6:37 PM

Maybe it's pride blocking me I have no idea

Yes, but don't recall

COACH 6:40 PM

When Moses cried to the Lord to show him His Glory, God said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

But He added, "You cannot see My face, for no one can see Me and live."
What does that tell you about the magnitude of God?

DONOVAN 6:42 PM

He's holy

COACH 6:43 PM

He is All-Powerful beyond your wildest imagination.

So think again how you would behave if He were to appear to you?

DONOVAN 6:44 PM

Would probably drop down

COACH 6:45 PM

I agree, except for probably.

DONOVAN 6:45 PM

True

COACH 6:45 PM

Can you really imagine such a moment?

DONOVAN 6:46 PM

Extreme reverence. I couldn't imagine

COACH 6:46 PM

But can you picture yourself, your actions ... can you put yourself in that place in your mind's eye?

How you would be feeling ... how you would behave?

DONOVAN 6:48 PM

Shame , guilt, love, peace, and joy. Maybe even euphoric .

COACH 6:49 PM

Maybe trembling, too. God had to put Moses inside a cleft of rock and cover him with His hand in order for Moses to not perish.

DONOVAN 6:50 PM

Is that a healthy fear?

COACH 6:50 PM

Healthy if you adhere to it. Unhealthy if you don't.

I'm trying to paint a picture here of who God is compared to who you are. (Me as well.)

DONOVAN 6:51 PM

I don't know how to apply that by feeling those emotions?

COACH 6:53 PM

Is God someone you should make demands of or someone of whom you should seek His will?

The God of Moses, that is, who is also the God of you and me.

DONOVAN 6:54 PM

I would hope he'd show me his will

See Kim and his kingdom and all those things should be added onto you
Unto

I've done all that though. Seek you shall find

Knock and the door will be opened. I've done and I haven't found

COACH 6:56 PM

How have you knocked? How have you sought?

DONOVAN 6:57 PM

Repenting, praying, fasting, reading the Bible

COACH 6:58 PM

Has it been mechanical action ... intellectual pursuit? Or has it been spiritual?

I'm not getting a sense of the latter from our conversation.

DONOVAN 7:00 PM

I'd say spiritual

COACH 7:01 PM

Okay. Just saying that hasn't come across in our chat.

If you put God before all else, including anything you desire, and are pure of heart about it, He will hear you. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." The formulas with God are simple ones, and He does not lie, so you have to examine the purity of your offering. I think the desires you express early on here are tantamount to idolatry and God knows it perfectly. Your repentance should turn to the genuineness in your heart toward Him, regardless of what you gain or not. Prove your heart to Him and He will respond to you.

DONOVAN 7:08 PM

I'll try

COACH 7:10 PM

Don't just try, do it. I talked to you about the magnitude of God so that you would have an attitude of trembling in how you esteem Him. God Almighty wants you. A lukewarm response is not what is called for.

DONOVAN 7:11 PM

How do I express that in emotions if I don't feel it?

COACH 7:13 PM

Again, you're looking for a buzz. Its not about your feelings, it is about obedience to the One who holds the power over life and death. The grantor of your eternal disposition.

Revere Him for the All Powerful God that He is -- whether you feel it or not.

DONOVAN 7:15 PM

So continue to do it even though I get no feelings from it like continue to read the Bible continuator reverence him and see Kim regardless if I get a feeling or not or Anser or clarity

COACH 7:19 PM

Ruminate on the Word, immerse yourself in private prayer and worship Him in spirit and in truth, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is your offering to Him. He gave you eternal life, why not give Him what He wants? Why do you keep going back to what's in it for you?

God will not respond to glorification of self. It is the opposite of what He wants.

DONOVAN 7:21 PM

Cause I'm scared

COACH 7:21 PM

Scared of what, DONOVAN?

God loves you and is waiting to hold you and bless you.

You can have no better advocate.

DONOVAN 7:22 PM

Scared I'll get nothing out of it, I can't let that go. I'm sure naturally I will, but I'm scared that's the case

Sounds pathetic

COACH 7:24 PM

What you'll get out of it is pleasing God. That's all that should matter, even if you have to live in a cave and eat insects. If you get straight on this, He will respond to you. Period.

You are not revering God, and that is the problem. Your actions toward Him appear to be superficial and in vain. Redirect!

You seem like a smart and promising guy, DONOVAN. You can do this. It's the most important thing there can be to get right on.

So why not embark on a faith journey? Like now.

DONOVAN 7:30 PM

How do I get faith?

COACH 7:31 PM

See above. We've been chatting this whole time about ways to pursue God and promises He's made that you can stand on.

Do you even believe that He exists?

*exists

Be honest, because He knows.

It's okay ... there was a time when I doubted.

Don't go silent now, DONOVAN.

This is a critical juncture in your life, my friend.

DONOVAN 7:37 PM

I'm here

COACH 7:37 PM

Talk to me.

DONOVAN 7:38 PM

Just finished something sorry. Yes I believe He exists

COACH 7:38 PM

Do you believe He is the God that Moses encountered?

DONOVAN 7:39 PM

Yes

COACH 7:40 PM

Then why is it hard to yield to His infinite power and forget about yourself and honor Him alone. That has to be Square One.

DONOVAN 7:40 PM

I don't know how to act to die to self

COACH 7:42 PM

I know you know the correct responses about the cleansing blood of Jesus, etc., but have you really adopted the truth of the Gospel in your heart? Forgive me for saying, but I'm not seeing it.

DONOVAN 7:43 PM

I believe , but don't know how to apply or execute that into actions

COACH 7:44 PM

Square One: Get to where God is more important than you are. God told Abraham to sacrifice his only son and Abraham agreed to do it.

DONOVAN 7:46 PM

I am to the point I want to glorify Him and live for him. Every step I take I want it to be in His direction. I've given up stuff , so I'd say I've done that Didn't think me and my girlfriend were equally yoked, so I moved on from that

COACH 7:46 PM

All wonderful stuff, DONOVAN.

DONOVAN 7:47 PM

I need to repent of sexual immorality and truly stop that now One of the reasons why I haven't move was because I've been waiting for his clarity

COACH 7:50 PM

Gosh, you hadn't mentioned sexual immorality, or if you did I must have missed it -- sorry. That would be a huge roadblock with God. He utterly despises that because it is contrary to His will for His creation. The matrimonial bond between a man and a woman is a sacred one. Anything else is glorifying self. Big issue. What clarity is it you are waiting for, besides what the Bible is already clear about?

DONOVAN 7:53 PM

I mentioned it before . I was freed , then I backslid from boredom. Clarity as in, financial path , how to specifically glorify him, with what talent or skill? Where am I gonna live, who am I gonna marry ? What are my plans specifically for my story

Job/entrepreneur both ?

I mean he opened the door for trucking , so I'd assume that's an answer I want to help my family financially, house and feed the homeless. Maybe create cheap alternative housing for the homeless. Let me live there rent free for 3 months , provide everything , so he/she can save and get ahead

COACH 7:54 PM

Are you engaged in sexual immorality presently?

DONOVAN 7:54 PM

Porn /jackin off lol

How he's freed me before was I just didn't have the urge or temptation. So just waiting til I get that again

COACH 7:55 PM

I thought you said you were repentant.

DONOVAN 7:56 PM

I am

COACH 7:56 PM

So you're reading the bible, praying, fasting, etc. ... and jacking off?

DONOVAN 7:57 PM

I haven't tried that in awhile .

Been idle . I pray, but I'm in a rut

COACH 7:59 PM

You are mocking God with your sexual perversities. No wonder He is not hearing you -- you're not honoring His Will or His Word.

DONOVAN 7:59 PM

When I was repentant and doing all those things I didn't hear him

COACH 7:59 PM

So you rebelled? That's your answer?

DONOVAN 8:00 PM

It's discouraging when I do all that stuff and get nothing . But, yes I don't want to do those sins

I want a relationship with Him

COACH 8:01 PM

Until you stop lusting in the flesh, you are not a candidate for a meaningful relationship with Him.

DONOVAN 8:01 PM

Why didn't I have one with Him when I wasn't ?

When I was hungry for Him

*Him

COACH 8:02 PM

I don't know, DONOVAN. But diving headlong into a most egregious form of sin is hardly the answer.

DONOVAN 8:03 PM

I need the strength He's given me in the past again .

COACH 8:03 PM

God knows everything, and maybe he knew of your propensities.

DONOVAN 8:03 PM

So I went through the motions?

COACH 8:04 PM

No. But you failed when challenged. (Not picking on you. We all face challenges from time to time.)

DONOVAN 8:06 PM

I know. Why would God bless me, put me on a path, give me a wife, and a purpose , If He knows I'm going to fail anyways. That means He wouldn't even give me a chance to succeed.

COACH 8:06 PM

He is not expecting you to fail, He is expecting you to succeed. Not by your own power but by His.

DONOVAN 8:07 PM

If He knows I'm going to fail in His foreknowledge, wouldn't He not let me move in that direction? I don't even get a chance

To try

That's my fear

So why even try

COACH 8:09 PM

Yes you do. And when you fail, you will get another chance. It is a process of refinement. God chastises whom He loves. You are to be transformed into the image of Christ, not of Adam.

Stop trying to steer the ship. It is God's to steer. YOU are God's to steer.

DONOVAN 8:11 PM

I want that

COACH 8:11 PM

You won't give it to Him. You won't give yourself to Him.

DONOVAN 8:12 PM

Maybe my heart is hardened, but I genuinely don't even know ho to apply that in action

Just submit myself to him to die to myself

What are practical steps

COACH 8:14 PM

You know, talking to you, I am reminded of a passage in Revelation 2. Jesus instructs John to write a letter to the church at Ephesus. He compliments them on their many works in the name of the Lord -- truly

good stuff. But he follows it to say, "But I have this against you: You have lost your first love."

DONOVAN 8:16 PM

Works should glorify Him and lead others to Him, but the testimony He's given you. Mind you, I'm not who I need to be to do that or else I'd be a hypocrite, but I genuinely want a relationship with Jesus and to have that faith

There is a song by Jonah33 faith like that and I want that

But I do want Him to use me in works. Not that I think that will save me

COACH 8:20 PM

I don't know how else to keep saying this ... forget about what you want. You asked how to die to self, that's it. Pretend like you don't exist and that only He does. Your life is meaningless outside of Jesus. Stop self-assigning your goals, even in Him. He is the potter and you are the clay. He will use you as He will. Your only job is to be willing and available. Be a lump of clay.

DONOVAN 8:21 PM

I'll start reading my Bible again and seek true repentance

Good also said He's given you the ability to earn

COACH 8:23 PM

He knows the desires of your heart and, to the extent that they are not contrary to His will, He wants to grant them to you. But you have to get there first, and be the vessel of His love and His workmanship created for good works in Christ, which He will determine.

DONOVAN 8:23 PM

That makes more sense

COACH 8:24 PM

Read the Bible, certainly, but ruminate on His Word. Meditate on it (*selah*, as the Psalms say).

DONOVAN 8:24 PM

How do you ruminate?

COACH 8:24 PM

Remember the cow thing? ...

DONOVAN 8:25 PM

I know what it means now

Just reread the same verse over and over until I get it?

COACH 8:27 PM

In meditation, consume the Word -- a particular verse -- and then bring it back to front of mind again, and do it again -- each time further digesting it. God's creation is amazing -- even the cow chewing its cud (which is what it's called).

*bring

DONOVAN 8:27 PM

I'll watch YouTube to watch it done

COACH 8:28 PM

Not rapid repetition. This is not about scripture memorization (which is another good practice), but about digestion. Chew slowly.

Forget YouTube, just do it.

DONOVAN 8:29 PM

Do you listen to secular music? Not bad lyrics or degrading of course. We came as Roman's, breaking Benjamin, knuckle puck, trance, drum n bass, future house, Metallica , punk, post hardcore?

COACH 8:30 PM

Also, sing praises to Jesus. Not just songs about Him, but ones that simply give Him glory and honor and praise. Sink deeply into such things.

Not anymore. Just stuff that magnifies the Lord.

DONOVAN 8:30 PM

All of my dreams and my passions are in your hands I've sung

Keith Green I've sung

COACH 8:34 PM

To be honest, I engage in very little anymore outside of what is biblically based. I have no desire to. Maybe a little sports, but that's about it.

DONOVAN 8:34 PM

Living sacrifice , haste the day, devil wears Prada, falling up, old emery, old underoath, old mxpx, rich Mullins , Keith green, sidewalk prophets, stellar kart

For today, Fit For a king

COACH 8:36 PM

That's all great, DONOVAN -- at least the one I know of (big Keith Green fan, e.g.), but what matters is between just you and God. You have to study (and ruminate!) on His Word, not just hear what someone else says about His Word, however glorifying it may be. Keep enjoying all that is pure and right, but always emphasize the one-on-one with Him.

DONOVAN 8:37 PM

Simplyollie, henrik, Christopher Brading, hulvey, Nf is a kook and lecræ (he has 2 deep songs I like though.

I've read the Bible and I have the head knowledge, but it wasn't deep

COACH 8:38 PM

Let God write it on you heart. Deep engagement with the Holy Spirit is what you need.

DONOVAN 8:38 PM

Am I too prideful and is that blocking me from hearing Him ?

Feel like I'll miss what He's gonna tell me if He tells me

COACH 8:39 PM

"Pride cometh before a fall." Get over that.

DONOVAN 8:39 PM

It's not that easy lol

COACH 8:39 PM

Try getting nails hammered through your hands and feet and pieced in the side with a spear.

DONOVAN 8:39 PM

I'll try to put His desires above my own

COACH 8:41 PM

Stop it with "try" -- don't make me quote Yoda in a real spiritual conversation.

DONOVAN 8:41 PM

Aha I know what you'd quote

COACH 8:42 PM

LOL

Pride is opposite of supplication, isn't it? Which should you be doing relative to the Creator of the Universe?

... The God who had to hide Moses in the cleft of a rock and cover with His hand so that he wouldn't be destroyed by merely seeing Him.

DONOVAN 8:43 PM

Thought the opposite was humble

COACH 8:43 PM

That works too. :)

DONOVAN 8:43 PM

Makes sense though, pride is taking , supplication is asking

Feeling like you're owed it , but begging in reverence

COACH 8:44 PM

Humility, in this case, is offering yourself a living sacrifice to Jesus, which is what we are called to do.

DONOVAN 8:45 PM

What are my first steps ? And second , third, and etc ?

COACH 8:47 PM

Again ... ruminates on the Word, sincerely praise the name of Jesus, worship God in spirit and in truth ... immerse yourself genuinely in these things and be filled with the Holy Spirit through it all. That's the beginning. All else flows from that platform.

... that foundation.

DONOVAN 8:48 PM

I'm going to do that

COACH 8:48 PM

Do you know that it is a spiritual pursuit?

DONOVAN 8:48 PM

Yes

A journey

COACH 8:49 PM

That the battle is a spiritual one?

DONOVAN 8:49 PM

Yes

We don't wrestle between flesh and blood

Battle

COACH 8:50 PM

So you are familiar with Ephesians 6 then.

DONOVAN 8:50 PM

Not just by you saying Ephesians 6, but if I were to see it ,yes

COACH 8:50 PM

"We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against sprits and principalities and rulers of this present darkness."

That is also the chapter that talks about the armor of God.

DONOVAN 8:51 PM

I figured lol

COACH 8:51 PM

... anothe rimportant aspect of spiritual warfare.

DONOVAN 8:52 PM

We are in the end days, it is as clear as day, that revelations and Daniel is unfolding

COACH 8:52 PM

Indeed. And the battle will intensify.

DONOVAN 8:52 PM

That's my fear. Not that I won't go to heaven, but I won't accomplish Gods plan

Get married . Hindsight is 20/20 lol

COACH 8:54 PM

Don't go back to that. God will bring you there, I believe. But it will bein His timing and with the person He has already created to be with you.

DONOVAN 8:54 PM

In everything I do I'll glorify him. Riding motorcycle, driving truck, cook, be artistic and creative . Just want to experience life first

Do you think there's enough time

The antichrist is close

My hope is run dry and so is the Euphrates river lol

COACH 8:56 PM

Who knows? Only the Father knows the day or the hour. But rejoice as you see things unfold because the plan of God for mankind is unfolding, and the result is eternal peace (not boredom!) apart from any evil. Satan is doomed and he knows it. He cannot challenge God. He can only mess with guys like you and me.

Jesus has already won the victory over hell and death and evil's grip on this world. We have only to live in that reality and not believe the lies to the contrary by Satan.

DONOVAN 8:57 PM

Are you married? Do you have a life , hobbies, and lifestyle, travel? Enjoying your career or entrepreneurial journey? Being content,?

Not scared of Satan

He's staging all this aliens for his demons to be on this earth without question

Predictive programming and he says his plan in movies and it's called karmic retribution

COACH 9:00 PM

I am content. Not to patronize, but ever more so since I got my relationship right with Jesus. I was saved for a long time, but only much later became spiritually alive. I finally got it. It's where I'm hoping you'll get to as well. There's saved, and then there's deliverance from the cares of this world. "Whom the Son sets free is free indeed." Amen, that's true!

DONOVAN 9:01 PM

WEF and their plans for the New world order , one world religion that the antichrist will rule. That's in revelations. The combined one world religion is

called Christian . The pope signed treaties between Judaism, Muslim, and Catholicism. Chrislam temples are already made .

Do you have the things you desire?

Chrislam not Christian

COACH 9:01 PM

Whatever on the karmic retribution. I don't care. Stick to the bible. We know how it all ends.

Serve Jesus. Period. It's not complicated.

Know your place, and act like it.

And with that, I'm afraid I must be wrapping up.

DONOVAN 9:03 PM

I got a lot from today. Genuinely grateful and appreciative for your time.

Thank you

I'm inspired

COACH 9:06 PM

Go get 'em, DONOVAN. And don't get weird about it. Your pursuit of God should be simply the melding of your sprit with His.

BTW, Karma is a Hindu notion, born of a false religion. Be careful. Pleasure talking with you DONOVAN. Check back in and let us know how you're doing. We're here 24/7.

DONOVAN 9:07 PM

I agree don't believe I thought at stuff

Will do thank you

COACH 9:08 PM

Have a good night. Go talk to God.

DONOVAN 9:08 PM

You as well. I will