

Chat Example: I Don't Believe in God

COACH 10:23:41 pm
Hi!

JOHN 10:23:48 pm
Hi, Coach :)

COACH 10:23:58 pm
How are you doing John?

JOHN 10:24:23 pm
I'm alright, I'm just very confused and struggling with my mind

COACH 10:25:40 pm
I am so sorry to hear that. Can I help give you clarity on what you are dealing with? Have you prayed about this?

JOHN 10:27:21 pm
Actually Coach, if I'm being honest, I haven't prayed really ever. I currently don't believe in God or anything higher than humans, and I'm really struggling with figuring out how to begin believing. I'm tired of not having someone I can always turn to like all of my friends and family do, because they can and always have turned to Him. I just find it hard to start because there's so much pain and suffering in this world and I feel like if he is real, he'd get rid of it.

COACH 10:28:37 pm
Thank you for sharing this with me. I would like to explain this to you. You are not the first one to think that God does not love us because he supposedly lets all the evil in the world happen. But the reason there is so much suffering is because of sin, not because God does not love us. You see God gives everyone free will so that they can choose to follow him on their own. As humans, we are born sinners and we want to only please ourself and not God. This world is hurting from the after effects of sin. Sin damages relationships, it breaks homes, robs people and leaves them broken inside. God's word says that the thief(Satan) comes to steal, kill, and destroy. We are seeing this happening.
But the Lord offers a solution! God did not want us to continue in this endless cycle of brokenness. God wants us to spend eternity with him. So God sent his son to die for the sins of the entire world. God loves us even when we sin against him. God wants to have a personal relationship with us.

JOHN 10:33:24 pm

I didn't think about the fact that humans were the ones behind it, sin behind them.

COACH 10:34:08 pm

Yes. We are all sinners. As the Scriptures say, "No one is righteous, not even one." Romans 3:10

Romans 3:23 New International Version 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

JOHN 10:34:46 pm

That makes a lot of sense now. It's not him, it's us.

COACH 10:35:14 pm

But that is not the end of the story. Sin separates us from God. But God made a way for us to spend eternity with him.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

JOHN 10:36:01 pm

So because Jesus sacrificed himself for all of us, we're able to become closer to God?

COACH 10:36:34 pm

Do you know what Jesus said when he died on the cross?

JOHN 10:36:42 pm

No, I don't

COACH 10:38:49 pm

Jesus said. "It is finished" That means that the debt has been paid. Jesus is the only one who could die on the cross for our sins. Our sins separate us from God because God is holy. But when Jesus died on the cross he paid the price for our sins that we ought to pay. He offers us forgiveness and wants us to trust him as our savior.

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

All God asks is that you confess your sins to God and choose to follow God. Yes, life will still be hard, but God will be with you every step of the way. God will never leave you nor forsake you. God wants you to give your burdens to him and trust him.

Sin separates us from God. But God sent his son to die for all our sins. If we confess our sins and choose to follow Christ we can spend eternity with God in heaven.

JOHN 10:41:30 pm

Is it weird that even when I have attended church when I was younger, listening to the Preacher talk would make me emotional? I'm getting emotional now and I'm not sure why, or if it's a good or a bad thing. Maybe it's that I want to believe so badly, I'm not really sure.

COACH 10:44:47 pm

Yes, it is a good thing. The holy spirit is convicting you of your sin and how you desperately need a savior. You are not guaranteed tomorrow. You could die in your sleep tonight. This is serious. There are only 2 places you will go when you die heaven or hell. Heaven is spending eternity with God forever rejoicing, and hell is separation from God in a terrible place. Those who are in hell have rejected Jesus.

JOHN 10:45:30 pm

Honestly I don't want to reject him, I want to believe in him but I have no idea where to even begin

COACH 10:46:24 pm

This is where you begin. If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

You see God paid the price for all our sins by having his son die for us on a cross. He was buried and on the third day, he rose from the dead. Then God made an incredible offer! Would you like to know what His incredible offer is?

JOHN 10:48:01 pm

Yes

COACH 10:48:11 pm

His rescue plan (Jesus) would have your sins forgiven and removed! Each person would be washed clean and no longer be separated from God. The Bible verse that best explains this is John 3:16-18. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world

to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Do you believe that Jesus died for you and what that means? Would you like to know how you can receive God's rescue plan?

JOHN 10:49:47 pm

Yes I do, and yes I want to know how to receive God's plan

COACH 10:50:00 pm

You can't earn it by doing a bunch of good works, going to church, or being baptized.

God offers to us forgiveness as a free gift to anyone willing to receive it.

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:8- God save you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift of God.

Salvation is a free gift. You can't earn a gift all you can do is receive it.

Would you like to know about the specifics of receiving God's rescue plan?

JOHN 10:51:07 pm

Yes I would

COACH 10:51:13 pm

That is amazing!!! The Bible tells us in Romans 10:9 that " IF you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

To clarify the part that said 'If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord' means that you want to surrender your will to God's will.

Does that sound like something you would like to have in your life?

JOHN 10:51:33 pm

Yes it does

COACH 10:51:40 pm

That is awesome!!! I have two questions to ask and then we will pray.

JOHN 10:51:47 pm

Okay!

COACH 10:52:02 pm

-Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins and that He rose again? - Are you ready to give the Lord all that you are and all that you will ever be?

JOHN 10:52:25 pm

Yes I believe he died for us, and yes I am ready

COACH 10:52:36 pm

Wonderful!!! Then, I think we should tell God what you believe. Here is how our chat prayer is going to work. I will type a line of prayer and you will type it back to me.

JOHN 10:52:45 pm

Okay :)

COACH 10:53:03 pm

But it is important for you to understand that it is what you believe in your heart that saves you. Type each line back to me, but say it from your heart. Are you ready?

JOHN 10:53:14 pm

Yes I am ready

COACH 10:53:20 pm

I know that I am a sinner and I have missed your perfect standard for my behavior. Please forgive me and wash me clean.

JOHN 10:53:40 pm

I know that I am a sinner and I have missed your perfect standard for my behavior. Please forgive me and wash me clean.

COACH 10:53:54 pm

I believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay the death penalty for my sin and that He rose again.

JOHN 10:54:11 pm

I believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay the death penalty for my sin and that He rose again.

COACH 10:54:19 pm

I give you all that I am and all that I will ever be.

JOHN 10:54:29 pm

I give you all that I am and all that I will ever be.

COACH 10:54:35 pm

I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior

JOHN 10:54:47 pm

I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior.

COACH 10:54:53 pm

Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen

JOHN 10:55:05 pm

Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

COACH 10:56:40 pm

Welcome to the family of God!! You are now a daughter of the King. Your heavenly father loves you so very much!!! Did you know that the angels in heaven are throwing a party for you right now?

Luke 15:7-10 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Do you have a Bible?

JOHN 10:58:55 pm

No, I do not have a Bible

COACH 11:00:00 pm

<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/> Here is a free Bible app. The Bible is God's word to us. God wants to speak to you through his word. I want to encourage you to read the Bible everyday to help you grow in your faith.

JOHN 11:00:51 pm

Thank you for the link Coach, and thank you for helping me through this :)
It truly means a lot

COACH 11:02:25 pm

I am overjoyed that you have decided to follow Christ. Following Jesus is not always easy but it is most defiantly worth it. Today you made the best decision of your life!!!

JOHN 11:02:59 pm

I'm going to download that Bible app and begin. Thank you so much. :)

COACH 11:04:01 pm

You are so very welcome. Here is a song I would like to encourage you with. I want you to know that you will always have a friend in Jesus and that He will never leave you nor forsake

you. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTpUQO0aryw>

Deuteronomy 31: 8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

I would suggest you start reading the book of John in the Bible. It is a great way to learn about the life and lordship of Jesus and his love for you.

<https://www.groundwire.net/go-deeper>

Can I pray for you?

Lord, thank you for John. Thank you that she decided to follow you today. Help her to continue to grow in you every day. Surround her with a body of believers who will encourage her and mentor her. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen