



¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples ... Matthew 28:18-19 ESV

L.E.T.S. MAKE *Disciples!*

4 EASY STEPS

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Foreword

If we are honest with each other we would have to admit the word “Witnessing” strikes fear in our hearts. We know we are supposed to share our faith but we are very uncomfortable about doing it. “Where would I start and what would I say?” are common concerns. We don’t want to make anyone mad or cause a conflict. Rejection is painful. Therefore, we don’t say anything when we know we should.

L.E.T.S. Make Disciples is a simple roadmap to help every day Christians learn how to develop spiritual conversations with chatters, friends, co-workers, or family members who have come to them for advice. It is a way to have a normal conversation that turns into an opportunity to talk about Jesus without it becoming forced or weird.

This course is not designed for street evangelism or door knocking. There are many great resources for those kinds of outreach. Instead, this class is for those times when you have a **one on one conversation with someone**. They are wanting to talk over a problem in their life and get your advice. We ALL have those kinds of conversations. Using the simple tools from this class, you will be able to confidently bring the conversation around to God.

I have served the Lord in online ministry for many years including live chat here on Groundwire. The lessons I have prepared in this study have been learned the hard way by trial and error. I finally found a path that flows easily, turning a regular conversation into a spiritual one. It is easy. If I can do it, there is no doubt you can do it too!

My hope is you will leave this class with confidence, knowing you can be yourself and feel very natural about sharing Jesus the next time God brings someone to you who is asking your advice. **L.E.T.S. Make Disciples** together!



~Diana Stewart

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Introduction

The Story of God's Rescue Plan can be conveyed in various ways as illustrated in this manual with the sample chats from other coaches. But, before we can share God's story with a chatter, we must understand two things. First, we are not sales people. Instead, the Bible calls us "Ambassadors for Christ". What are Ambassadors? They are representatives of someone higher up. Our nation has Ambassadors all over the world representing the United States of America. As Ambassadors of Christ, we represent the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We deliver His message. We are not called to 'close the deal'. Our job is to sew the Word. Everything after that is in God's hands. There is absolutely no pressure on us.

Second, before a person can become a Christian, four things must occur and they are ALL the work of God:

1. Exposure to the word of God.

(¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ~ Romans 10:17)

2. Conviction of sin (No one can be saved until they know they are lost. (John 16:7-11)

3. No one comes to God unless He draws them.

⁴⁴No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ~ John 6:44)

4. God gives the faith to believe. (***⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ~ Ephesians 2:8)***

When we see that salvation is a work of God from beginning to end, our part is simple. As Ambassadors for Christ, we are to faithfully tell His story, leaving the results in His mighty hands. We can't save anybody.

Keys to telling His Story

HERE ARE SOME KEYS TO TELLING HIS STORY

- 1. Don't use churchy words. Keep it simple.
(e.g. "God's Rescue Plan")**
- 2. Ask Questions – It keeps a person engaged**
- 3. Be open to questions from the person**
- 4. Let the Bible speak truth**
- 5. Don't be a salesperson – Be an Ambassador**
- 6. Let the Holy Spirit lead you**
- 7. Pray for the right words and scriptures to use with each person**
- 8. When you ask them if they would like to receive Christ, wait for their response and pray; Trust God to work in their hearts**

Sample Chat of Telling His Story

God's Rescue Plan With L.E.T.S. Make Disciples

Key: **Yellow** = Listen
Aqua = Empathize
Green = Transition
Purple = Share
a. Invitation
b. Prayer

Laura's Chat:

HEIDI 11/9/21 6:31 PM
TOPIC: Ended Relationship

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:32:09 pm (delivered)
Hi Heidi! How are you?

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:33:08 pm
Not very good.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:33:28 pm (delivered)
Oh, I'm sorry to hear that! Would you like to share with me what's going on? L+E

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:34:40 pm
My boyfriend broke up with me. Because of a disagreement.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:34:59 pm (delivered)
I'm sorry, you must really be hurting! E

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:35:27 pm
I am.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:36:06 pm (delivered)
Was the disagreement something that can be resolved? L

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:37:04 pm
Yes it can. But he won't talk to me.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:38:02 pm (delivered)

Oh Heidi, that is so hard! So what are you doing to move forward, to not let this pull you down? L

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:39:17 pm

I cant move forward.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:39:50 pm (delivered)

What kinds of things do you do to take care of yourself? Who do you turn to for support? L+E

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:40:54 pm

I am letting it pull me down. Because it was my fault. I made a big mistake.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:41:42 pm (delivered)

Heidi, we all make mistakes. It's what we do with those mistakes and the lessons we learn from them that matter. May I ask if you have spiritual belief? E+T

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:42:07 pm

I am not taking care of myself right now.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:42:37 pm (delivered)

Do you have any spiritual belief? T

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:43:00 pm

Yes I do.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:43:25 pm (delivered)

Can you tell me a little bit about your belief? T

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:43:44 pm

But it's very hard.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:43:53 pm (delivered)

Tell me more T

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:44:40 pm

I believe in Jesus.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:45:20 pm (delivered)

That is wonderful to hear, Heidi! Because He can be your lifeline in all of this time of difficulty.

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:46:32 pm
I am having a hard time with that right now.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:48:03 pm (delivered)
Sometimes when we have made choices/decisions we aren't proud of, it makes it hard to turn to God for help. We think he is disappointed in us--but nothing can be further from the truth!
He wants us to turn to Him, to get back on the right track.
Heidi, can you tell me about the time you came to believe in Jesus? T

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:49:21 pm
A long time ago.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:49:32 pm (delivered)
Tell me more T
Have you ever heard the story of God's Rescue Plan? S

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:50:28 pm
No I haven't.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:50:41 pm (delivered)
May I share it with you? S

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:50:55 pm
Sure.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:51:12 pm (delivered)
Great! ok, Before I share with you the story of God's Rescue Plan, I think it is important to make sure we know why we need rescuing! Agreed? S

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:51:35 pm
Okay.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:51:45 pm (delivered)
God is perfect and holy--completely without sin. We, on the other hand, are all sinners! And our sin separates us from a relationship with God because sin and holy don't mix!
The problem with living in our sin is that the only penalty for sin is spiritual death --that is eternal separation from God in a prison called hell. That's WHY we need God's Rescue Plan! Now let me share with you the Good News of God's rescue plan, ok? S

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:52:43 pm
Okay.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:53:04 pm (delivered)

Great, Jesus, who is God, had no sin of His own. He came to earth in order to pay the death penalty for OUR sin, as a substitute when He died on the cross. He was buried and on the third day he rose from the dead.

Then God made this incredible offer! He said anyone who was willing to receive His rescue plan (Jesus) would have all their sins forgiven and removed! Each person would be washed clean and no longer separated from God. The bible verse that best explains this is:

John 3:16-18 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. 18 There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust Him to save them. But those who don't trust Him have already been tried and condemned for not believing in the only Son of God. Would you like to know HOW you can receive God's Rescue Plan? S

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:54:26 pm

Yes.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:54:38 pm (delivered)

It can't be earned by doing good or trying harder or by being religious or going to church or even getting baptized. God's offer to us is a free gift to anyone willing to receive it. In the bible it says:

Ephesians 2:8-9 "God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it."

Now we can talk about specifics of receiving God's rescue plan. Would you like to do that? S

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:55:50 pm

Yes.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:56:16 pm (delivered)

Heidi, that's terrific! The bible tells us in Romans 10:9-10 it says: "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."

Let me make a little clarification here--the part above that says, "declare that Jesus is Lord" means that you want to surrender your will to God's will. That is, letting Him become the boss of your life! S

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

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:57:19 pm

Yes.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:58:13 pm (delivered)

Wonderful! I have 2 questions to ask first and then we will pray.

“Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus died on the cross to pay the required death penalty for your sin as a substitute and rose from the dead?”

“Are you ready to give the Lord all that you are and all you will ever be?”

INVITATION!

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:58:48 pm

Yes.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:59:02 pm (delivered)

“Then, I think you should tell God what you believe. Here is how our chat prayer will work. I will type your prayer line by line. You type each line back to me, but say it to God from your heart. Are you ready?” Prayer!

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:59:40 pm

Yes.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 6:59:45 pm (delivered)

I know I have sinned and missed Your standard for my behavior. Please forgive me and wash me clean.

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:02:35 pm

I know I have sinned and missed your standard for my behavior. Please forgive me and wash me clean.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:02:41 pm (delivered)

I believe Jesus died on the cross to pay the required death penalty for my sin as a substitute and rose from the dead.

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:05:29 pm

I believe Jesus died on the cross to pay the required death penalty for my sin as a substitute and rose from the dead.

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:05:39 pm (delivered)

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

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:06:54 pm

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

LAURA Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:07:00 pm (delivered)

I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior

HEIDI Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:08:25 pm

I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and my Savior.

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:08:43 pm (delivered)*
Thank You for saving me .In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

HEIDI *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:10:35 pm*
Thank You for saving me in Jesus name I pray. Amen.

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:10:39 pm (delivered)*
Welcome my sweet sister-in-Christ, to the family of God!
So Exciting! Heidi, do you have a Bible?

HEIDI *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:11:21 pm*
Yes.

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:12:53 pm (delivered)*
Excellent! I would suggest you start reading in the book of John in the New Testament. It is a great way to learn about the life and lordship of Jesus and His love for you. Can I send you a link that will give you a bible verse each day for two weeks?

HEIDI *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:13:34 pm*
Yes.

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:13:40 pm (delivered)*
<https://groundwire.net/go-deeper>

Also, may I share with you a couple of my 'go-to' Bible verses for when I am struggling, that you might find helpful too?

HEIDI *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:14:33 pm*
Yes.

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:14:39 pm (sent)*
Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Isaiah 54:10 "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:16:04 pm (delivered)*

Heidi, you are now a child of God, and you can take this broken relationship of yours to Him and seek his wisdom and guidance. He loves you and he will help and take care of you!

Do you have a church you can attend?

HEIDI *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:18:06 pm*

Not right now.

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:19:04 pm (delivered)*

That's okay. I will send you a link to help you find a church in your area. It is so important that you have fellowship with other believers to help you grow in your walk with the Lord. It will be a blessing to you.

<https://jesuscares.com/find-a-church/>

Do you have any questions for me?

HEIDI *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:20:17 pm*

No.

LAURA *Tuesday, November 9th 2021, 7:20:54 pm (delivered)*

Heidi, it has been a joy and a privilege to chat with you today. Bless you as you start your wonderful walk with our Lord!

LISTEN
EMPATHIZE
TRANSITION
SHARE



L = Listening

With so much communication being done through cell phones and social media, we may not have gained the skills necessary to be a good listener.



When God brings someone to you with an issue, stop what you are doing and lean into the conversation. Try not to interrupt but allow them to express their full thought. Let them know you are hearing them by repeating back your understanding of their problem. It is perfectly okay to add a brief account of a similar situation you faced, letting them know you truly understand. However, guard against making the conversation about you.

Ask questions. This will help you get a better picture of what they are dealing with while at the same time communicating you are interested.

LISTENING SAMPLE CHAT

DAWNM *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:15:16 pm (delivered)*

How are you doing today? I see your topic is Suicide.

WILSON *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:15:26 pm*

Very bad and yes it is.

DAWNM *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:15:38 pm (delivered)*

Tell me what's going on in your world Wilson. I'm sorry to hear that it's bad.

WILSON *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:16:11 pm*

I don't know what to anymore. I'm struggling. I'm a senior and I just am overwhelmed with all my classes. Clubs and sports.

DAWNM *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:16:40 pm (delivered)*

That's understandable, Wilson. Sometimes we have to take a step back.

WILSON *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:17:25 pm*

I'm trying I really am and I get I used to be a noninvolved student but I'm really trying and it feels like every time I get one thing in the right direction another part of my life crashes on top of me.

DAWNM *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:17:37 pm (delivered)*

Wilson, do you have to participate in your clubs and sports? Is something else going on in your life that is causing stress? Besides school and sports and clubs?

WILSON *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:18:19 pm*

Yes, I'm a leader or captain and people depend on me.

WILSON *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:19:38 pm*

Well when I was younger I focused on the wrong things and wasted my 9th and 10th grade year on social media. I'm now working as hard as I can. Last year I brought my gpa up over 2 whole points in one semester.

DAWNM *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:19:53 pm (delivered)*

That's wonderful!!

WILSON *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:20:07 pm*

I went from a 2.95 the halfway point of my junior year to a 3.36 but I still don't have much room for error.

WILSON *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 6:20:36 pm*

Now I'm struggling and getting overwhelmed. I'm going back to my old ways.

E = Empathize

After listening carefully to a problem, it is important to extend a little empathy and encouragement. Maybe your friend's problem might not strike you as anything major, but that does not mean it is not significant to them. Think about it ... When you have had problems in the past, what did you need? You probably wanted someone to listen and show you they cared.

Express your compassion with a few carefully thought out words. Be careful about saying you know how they feel, if you have never experienced what they are going through. Instead, you can simply say, "I am sorry you are going through this. I know you are hurting."

Encourage them with the fact God loves them and has a plan. This will help you move to the next step which is "Transition" where you are going to move the conversation from the problem to the problem solver.



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EMPATHIZE SAMPLE CHAT

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:18 AM
TOPIC: Depression

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:19 AM (delivered)
Hello Gertrude.

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:19 AM
Hello Sandy.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:19 AM (delivered)
I am glad you signed on.

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:20 AM
Me to.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:20 AM (delivered)
What is going on with you?

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:20 AM
I just feel like I am not worth anything.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:20 AM (delivered)
I am so sorry you feel that way. Would you feel comfortable telling me more?

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:21 AM
My parents tried to kick me out the house because I like girl. I tried killing myself.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:21 AM (delivered)
Are you still at home?

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:21 AM
I overdose 5 or 6 times. Yes I am still home. I tried not to do it yesterday.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:22 AM (delivered)
I am sorry you feel that is what you need to do. I am glad it didn't work though. I am so glad that you are here chatting with me

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:23 AM
But I am so scared.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:23 AM (delivered)

I want you to know that I care and that Jesus cares for you. More than you will ever know. I don't like being scared. That is hard.

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:24 AM

I got no friends to share my problems.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:24 AM (delivered)

Well I am glad you reached out here.

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:24 AM

I don't talk to my mom that much or my dad

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:25 AM (delivered)

That is a lonely place to be. I am so sorry.

I have felt that way before. It's not fun. But I don't feel that way now.

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:26 AM

Yea and my birthday is in 1 month and I just want to spend my birthday all by myself. Just in my room doing nothing.

SANDY BROCK 11/20/21 11:27 AM (delivered)

That does sound lonely. Can I tell you why I am not lonely anymore? Why I am not as scared as I used to be?

GERTRUDE 11/20/21 11:28 AM

Yes u can.

T = Transition

THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IN L.E.T.S MAKE DISCIPLES

We will spend the most time here.

THE KEY TO TURNING A CONVERSATION FROM AN ISSUE

such as marriage, kids, finances, addictions, job problems etc., is to ask your friend a good open-ended question.

An open-ended question is one that requires an explanation rather than just a yes or no answer.



Page 22 has some good open-ended questions. The goal of asking these types of questions is so you can discern whether or not a person has come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior yet. How can you truly help your friend with good council until you have a sense about where they are with the Lord? You might be tempted to share promises from God's word for their situation, but think about it ... most of those promises are for believers. Therefore, it is important for you to discover where a person is in their spiritual journey first.

If your friend has never received Jesus as their Lord and Savior, then the rest of your conversation will be spent telling them about God's rescue plan so they can actually find the help they need from God.

If they already know Jesus, then you have a Bible full of God's promises to guide them through their situation. God's word is powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword according to Hebrews. It is God's word that is going to help your friend.

Here is a freeing truth to remember. You are not God. Instead, the Bible calls you an Ambassador for Christ. What does an Ambassador do? They represent the authority who sent them. If you really think about it, we don't have much to offer another person on our own. But, as it turns out, we represent the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. He has given us authority and power in His name. Our job, therefore, is to communicate God's message, (His Word), to those He brings our way and leave the outcome in His hands.

What I remind myself of quite often is that I am only a microphone. A microphone does not have a message. By itself it can do nothing. However, as a microphone, I can amplify God's message to a lost and dying world. That knowledge gives me peace and confidence because I know when I share Jesus with someone it does not depend upon me. The Holy Spirit will supply the words I need exactly when I need them. Then it is the Holy Spirit who will cause God's word to penetrate a heart, convict of sin, draw a person to Jesus and give them the faith to believe. That is NOT my job. Whew!

***² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,
~ Hebrews 12:2a NKJV***

Good Open-Ended Questions

1. How would you describe your spiritual beliefs?
2. In your spiritual belief, is it possible to be sure you have eternal life and will go to heaven when you die? Why?
3. To you, who is Jesus Christ?
4. If you suddenly appeared before God and He asked you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" What would you say to Him?
5. Which is the most important thing in life?
6. What is love?
7. Is it possible to know and relate to God in a personal way? How?
8. What brings you the most peace in your life?
9. How did you first come to believe in Jesus?
10. What do you think happens when a person dies?
11. If you were telling a friend how to be right with God and go to Heaven one day, what would you say?
12. Who do you think will be allowed into heaven when they die?



Questions to Avoid

1. Are you a Christian?
2. Have you been born again?
3. Do you go to church?
4. Are you religious?
5. Do you pray?
6. Have you been baptized?
7. Are you saved?

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TRANSITION SAMPLE CHAT

DIANA STEWART

Before I share advice it would help me to know a little more about your spiritual beliefs. In your life, who is Jesus?
How did you come to faith in Jesus, EDITH?

EDITH *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:18:51 pm*

Thank you I am also identify myself as a conservative and traditional

EDITH *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:19:32 pm*

Well I grew up as Catholic but I wasn't very much into the word of God while I was growing up

DIANA STEWART *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:20:34 pm (delivered)*

So how did you come to faith in the Savior?

EDITH *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:20:42 pm*

When I discovered conservatism it let it be to an understanding of having a long-term beneficial lifestyle and also leading yourself to God.

DIANA STEWART *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:21:23 pm (delivered)*

When were you born again?

EDITH *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:21:30 pm*

So with conservatism I learned how to be a lady and pretty much as a lady in the country of America they have a relationship with God and I won't say it was easy for me because I have stumbled but thankfully with the truth I have learned

DIANA STEWART *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:23:29 pm (delivered)*

I am curious ... were you in a church or a friend sharing with you. How did it come about that you surrendered your life to Jesus and received Him as your Lord and Savior (I love hearing peoples stories of salvation) If you have not had a time, that's okay

EDITH *Wednesday, September 15th 2021, 11:26:15 pm*

Nobody converted me or mentioned to me about him honestly it was actually from the media like during when I was discovering about conservatism I was following Christian content on the media and I've been discovering so many truths and so many facts about Jesus and I felt bad in the shames I even felt like that there was like no hope for me but then through time thankfully he showed me the way that I can still be complete with him.

S = Share

GOD'S RESCUE PLAN

If your transition question indicated your friend believes being right with God can be accomplished in any way other than faith in Jesus, then God will use you to unwrap His rescue plan for mankind. It is simply stated below:

⁴ Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. ~ Galatians 1:4 NLT



WHY DO WE NEED GOD'S SALVATION OR GOD'S RESCUE PLAN?

(Why did Jesus have to sacrifice His life for everyone?)

Before I came to know Jesus at 26, I really did not understand how Jesus dying on the cross made me right with God. It seemed disconnected. Therefore, I think it is important to explain to someone **WHY we need God's rescue plan.**

1. **We have all sinned and missed God's standard which is perfection.**
2. **The penalty for sin according to the Bible is spiritual death.**
3. **Spiritual death is eternal separation from God in a prison called hell.**

We cannot fix our sin problem by trying to be good or by becoming religious. There is nothing in and of ourselves that can undo our past mistakes. They have separated us from a holy God.

HERE IS GOD'S RESCUE PLAN:

1. Jesus, who is God, had NO sin of His own.
2. He came to earth in order to PAY the DEATH PENALTY for OUR sin as a SUBSTITUTE.
3. He was buried and rose from the dead, victorious over sin and death.
4. God says whoever will repent, believe this message, be willing to surrender their all to Christ Jesus, will have all their sin forgiven, washed clean, and guaranteed heaven when they die.

Here are some easy Bible verses that describe God's rescue plan.

1. ***16 God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. 17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them! 18 No one who has faith in God's Son will be condemned.***

But everyone who doesn't have faith in him has already been condemned for not having faith in God's only Son.

~ John 3:16-18 CEV

2. ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ~ Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

3. ⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

~ Romans 10:9-10 NLT

When sharing God's instructions for salvation, keep in mind that praying a prayer is not a magic wand. Instead it is an act of surrender. It is believing what Jesus did on the cross for them and then giving Him all that they are and all they will ever be.

We are not salesmen trying to close the deal. We are Ambassadors. That means we allow the Holy Spirit to do His work. You may share the good news of Jesus Christ, but not bring in the harvest. Someone else will come along and water the seed you planted and yet another will get the privilege of introducing them to Jesus. Let the Holy Spirit lead you. Many times I have stepped back from leading someone in prayer to receive Jesus because they were not ready. I sensed the Holy Spirit saying not yet. Don't be over anxious. Listen to the Holy Spirit.

If your transition question revealed you are talking with someone who has already accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, then your job is to use God's word to help them walk through their difficulty. What are some promises that have been meaningful to you when you have faced a challenge? I have a little book of Bible promises which are listed by category. You might want to pick one of those up for yourself. It is very helpful.

SHARE SAMPLE CHAT

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:20:11 pm (delivered)*

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

~ Romans 3:23 New Living Translation

You see, Oscar. We all have done our share of sins and we don't measure up to what God's standard is. That's why God had to send His PERFECT Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross and sacrifice His life freely for all mankind, for our sins. Our sins were going to send us to Hell. But, God provided a solution for all of mankind. Do you want me to explain further? See, Oscar...this verse shows what our destiny is without Jesus: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. ~ Romans 6:23 New Living Translation

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:22:59 pm*

Please do. Help me get to know what I need to know to clean my soul and feed it the word of God.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:23:06 pm (delivered)*

Will do... Look back at the last scripture I posted in Romans 6:23.

You see our sin leads to death.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:23:42 pm*

Yes.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:23:49 pm (delivered)*

That death is a spiritual death not just physical.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:24:23 pm*

I didn't know that

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:24:24 pm (delivered)*

But, Jesus died on the cross innocently and willingly to lay down His life for you, me, and everyone...in order to pay for our past, present, and future sins, so they would no longer be hanging over our heads as a death penalty.

You understand? Oscar, this verse in Romans 5:8 sums up what I last stated: But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ~ Romans 5:8 New Living Translation

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:26:11 pm*

I do understand thank you. Could there be a verse on the bible that I can look at to know more about expecting God.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:26:35 pm (delivered)*
When you say 'expecting' God--can you explain?

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:27:15 pm*
Excepting God, sorry.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:27:31 pm (sent)*
Oscar, I would like to show you the requirements laid out in scripture that God has given to every person in how to receive His Son, Jesus freely for salvation. Would you like to see that passage in the Bible? 9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Oscar, this is it...these are the requirement from God for accepting His Son, Jesus Christ, as Savior. Look in verse 9. Do you see that it says to declare Jesus is Lord. What does Lord mean to you, Oscar?

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:30:35 pm*
I don't know what the Lord means. Thought the Lord is Jesus.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:30:52 pm (delivered)*
It means letting Jesus have control of your life. It is a commitment to surrender your everything to Jesus Christ. Your mind, body, and heart. It is a declaration to surrender your will to God's will by letting Him become the Boss of your life. To surrender your will so that God is the One who calls the shots or manages your life. You understand now?

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:31:59 pm*
Ok yes, that makes sense.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:32:04 pm (delivered)*
Oh great! So, you see it is about surrendering your life or trusting your life to Jesus and belief in Jesus. Oscar, would you like to pray a prayer of salvation with me tonight in order to surrender your life from this moment on to Jesus.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:33:17 pm*
Yes please!

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:33:22 pm (delivered)*
AWESOME!!!
I'm so proud of you, Oscar! Ok, let me explain how we'll do the prayer.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:33:53 pm*
Thank you, ok.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:34:04 pm (delivered)*

I'll type one sentence at a time and then you just put into chat the same line.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:34:21 pm*

Ok.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:34:27 pm (delivered)*

It will be like we're praying together. Even though it's virtually! :)

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:34:44 pm*

Amen to that.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:34:50 pm (delivered)*

One more thing before we start...

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:34:56 pm*

Yes.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:35:05 pm (delivered)*

This prayer is not a ritual based on saying certain words, but rather, a willful decision and a sincere step of faith from you. It's a matter of repenting of your sins and turning the rest of your life over to Jesus Christ. Okay!! Now are you ready, Oscar???

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:35:44 pm*

Ok understood.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:35:48 pm (delivered)*

PRAYER:

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:35:50 pm*

Yes I'm ready.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:35:50 pm (delivered)*

"Dear Father, I know that I am a sinner.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:36:09 pm*

Dear father I know that I am a sinner

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:36:13 pm (delivered)*

And that my sins have separated me from you.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:36:30 pm*

And that my sins have separated me from you.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:36:34 pm (delivered)*
But I know that Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Savior,

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:37:01 pm*
But I know that Your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Savior,

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:37:04 pm (delivered)*
Who died on the cross for my sin,

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:37:23 pm*
Who died on the cross for my sins

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:37:26 pm (delivered)*
and rose again from the dead.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:37:39 pm*
And rose again from the dead.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:37:41 pm (delivered)*
I invite Jesus to become Savior and Lord of my life,

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:38:16 pm*
I invite Jesus to become Savior and Lord of my life,

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:38:18 pm (delivered)*
to rule and reign in my heart, over my mind, and my body from this day forward.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:39:03 pm*
to rule and reign in my heart over my mind and my body from this day forward

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:39:05 pm (delivered)*
Please send your Holy Spirit to live in me, to help me to obey You.

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:39:34 pm*
Please send your Holy Spirit to live in me, to help me to obey You.

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:39:37 pm (delivered)*
And to do Your will for the rest of my life.
In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

OSCAR *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:40:28 pm*
And to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

DAWNM *Saturday, October 9th 2021, 7:40:33 pm (delivered)*
Amen!!! Oscar, Welcome to God's family!!

Conclusion

**YOU AND I HAVE THE GREATEST NEWS
KNOWN TO MAN AND HAVE BEEN
COMMANDED BY JESUS TO SHARE IT.**

Rather than feel fearful, my hope is you will begin to feel confident. Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is the most loving thing you can do for another person.

L.E.T.S. Make Disciples is a simple roadmap. It will guide you through a normal conversation with another person. You are not alone. As soon as a person comes to talk to you about something bothering them, begin to pray. Ask God to use you by filling you with His words for the person He has brought into your path. He will!

A person is running through a grassy field, their legs and feet visible in motion. In the foreground, the words "GOOD NEWS" are displayed in large, three-dimensional, light-colored wooden letters mounted on dark blue wooden blocks. The background is a soft-focus field of tall grass and wildflowers under bright, natural light.

GOOD
NEWS

I have experienced this over and over again. It is a supernatural event. You will hear yourself saying things you never planned. The words will tumble out as the Holy Spirit takes over.

All that is required of you is a willing heart, humble enough to trust God to provide. Jesus promised in *Matthew 28:20*, that He would be with us to the end of the age. Do you believe that? If you do, then be bold. Obey Jesus instructions to go and make disciples, trusting Him to be with you and use you. It is an adventure. In fact, I predict you will have so much fun sharing Jesus it will become a bit of an addiction. You will look forward to each time God puts someone new in your path.

As you see God show up, providing you the words you need to share your faith, it will cause you to trust God more in other ways. Your faith will grow. When we let God take over, He will cast out our fear.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ~ 1 John 4:18 ESV

L.E.T.S. *Desktop Companion*

Helpful tool to use at the desk while talking chats!

Y-O-U Are God's Ambassador!

Your Chat Roadmap = L.E.T.S. MAKE DISCIPLES (Matthew 28:18-19)

L - LISTEN:

- A person must feel heard in order to want to hear what you have to say about Jesus.
- Show that you are actively listening by beginning your sentence with "I see...I understand...That makes sense".
- You can also restate back to the chatter what you understood them to say or mean. Ask them if your restate is correct.

E - EMPATHIZE/ENCOURAGE:

- A person must sense that you care before they can feel comfortable trusting you and inclined to hear about Jesus.

T - TRANSITION:

- This is KEY. Transition to a Spiritual Conversation to find out whether or not they have received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We transition with open-ended questions.
- Use open-ended questions and NOT Yes/No response questions.
- Open-ended questions help to discover "Who is Jesus is to them?"
Examples:
 - ▶ Would you mind telling me about your spiritual beliefs?
 - ▶ 2 part question: Do you believe in Heaven?
 - ▶ What do you think God requires of a person to go to Heaven one day?

S - SHARE

- If the chatter does not yet know Jesus, the sharing content will be the Gospel (choose your personal conversational method of sharing the Good News with Scriptures (e.g. God's Rescue Story, The Roman's Road, a blend etc.)
- If the chatter already knows Jesus, then share God's promise and encouragement from God's Word for their issue.
- Always give the chatter the opportunity to respond to the Gospel you shared.

You must ASK:

- ▶ "Would you like to receive Jesus today?"
- ▶ "I can lead you in a prayer to receive Jesus. Is that ok?"

Testimony

**ONE of the most
POWERFUL TOOLS
you have for talking to someone
about Jesus is your PERSONAL
STORY**

It is called your “Testimony”. No one can argue with your testimony. It will never make anyone mad. It is a true story of something you have personally experienced. That is why it is called a “witness”. It happened to you.

The Bible says this in 1 Peter 3:15 ESV:

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

Did you get that? Preparation is involved. That is the next assignment. Maybe you have already spent time working on your story so you can tell it in an interesting way without droning on and on. However, if you have not done that yet, you can start now. There are three little questions to ask yourself.

Your answers will tell your story. This is your homework assignment. Practice it out loud. (Try to keep it around 5 minutes.)

1. What was your life like before you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

2. What events led you to receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

3. How has knowing Jesus changed your life?

Here is an example of this exercise detailing my personal testimony.

Step 1: I was raised in Las Vegas which is not exactly known as the Bible belt. Church was not part of my life. I had zero knowledge of the Bible, yet I called myself a Christian if asked. My thoughts were since I was not Jewish, I must be a Christian. It was a title without meaning. My life as an adult was not going well. I was a divorced mother of one looking for love in all the wrong places.

Step 2: Thankfully, someone came into my life who loved me enough to open the Bible and show me God's rescue plan. I learned being a Christian was not about a title but was about a relationship. I learned for the first time my sin separated me from a holy God and the penalty was spiritual death, meaning hell. I was shocked because I thought if my good efforts exceeded my bad ones, I would be okay with God. Untrue. The night I learned I did not actually know God was the night I humbled myself and received God's rescue plan. Jesus became my Lord and Savior.

Step 3: Everything changed in my life after that. I can't fully explain it, but some of my old sinful desires went away and I gained some brand-new ones. I began to have an unquenchable desire to know what the Bible said. For the first time in my life I loved church. Joy became my constant companion, regardless of the hardships that came my way. God's presence in my life became real and tangible. I have been following Jesus for 45 years now and I can tell you, it gets sweeter every day.



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