

Chat Example: Atheist Seeker

COACH - 4:24:00 am -
Hi, Carl!

CARL - 4:24:06 am
hey

COACH - 4:24:10 am -
Welcome back!

Are you still considering Jesus?

CARL - 4:24:16 am
thanks

Yes actually.

COACH - 4:24:33 am -
How can I help today?

today*

CARL - 4:24:35 am
I'm still an atheist though

Thing is, I have prayed after I talked with sam shamoun

COACH - 4:25:01 am -
Ok.

CARL - 4:25:02 am
and husein mashni

They're YouTubers who talk about jesus and debunk islam

COACH - 4:25:22 am -
Ok.

You prayed to whom?

CARL - 4:25:38 am
to Jesus

COACH - 4:25:46 am -
About what?

CARL - 4:26:15 am
About me wanting to have faith in him and believe he's true and the real God

COACH - 4:26:26 am -
I'm glad to hear that. How did that change things?

CARL - 4:26:55 am
I did that like a month ago. maybe two

Nothing happened unfortunately, obviously since I'm still an atheist.

COACH - 4:27:21 am -
Sure.

CARL - 4:27:21 am
I just wanna know why

COACH - 4:27:24 am -
Why what?

Why nothing happened?

CARL - 4:27:33 am
Yeah

COACH - 4:27:43 am -
Did you pray like the Bible says here?.....

CARL - 4:27:48 am
Like I don't expect it to happen straight away or over night

Yeah, husein mashni guided me through.

COACH - 4:28:02 am -
Romans 10:9 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

CARL - 4:29:00 am

Yeah, he told me say these things like jesus forgive me, jesus i accept you, stuff like that

COACH - 4:29:17 am -

It's not saying it that matters, Carl.

CARL - 4:29:24 am

I know

COACH - 4:29:27 am -

Look at the key word in that verse (and almost 400 others)...

"heart"

CARL - 4:29:48 am

How do I have heart in the way the bible means

COACH - 4:30:04 am -

Your heart is the center of your personality/will in the Bible....

So to pray from your heart means you are making a conscious, life change to embrace Jesus as your only hope of salvation from sin, your Rescuer and Lord.

It's not like sticking your toe in the water to see if it's right...

It's like jumping in. :)

CARL - 4:31:02 am

So I have to live the way Jesus says I should?

COACH - 4:31:27 am -

He changes your life after you receive His Spirit in yours. Let's back up, and let me explain something....

You are made of three parts, in the image of God, Carl: Body, soul, and spirit.....

Your soul is rather equal to the Bible word "heart"--it's the part of you that connects with other people and will live forever. Your personality, feelings, thoughts, choices, etc. The real Carl.

Your body is what people see, but it's not the real you. It's slowly dying every day and is the least important part, but it's always demanding to be pleased.

Your spirit is the part that is designed to connect with God and live in friendship with Him...

Sin causes spiritual death.

When we are lost in our sins, we cannot have that connection.

Isaiah 59:2 (KJV) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3....

John 3:5-6 (KJV) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Your body has already been born, but when you receive Jesus, your spirit is born again and connected with God's Spirit.

Are you following so far?

CARL - 4:34:11 am

Yeah

COACH - 4:34:16 am -

Ok...

You can't "change your life" or "start living God's way" without that spirit-to-Spirit connection!

He is the one who offers us the power of change.

He does the change in us, after He moves in!

CARL - 4:35:13 am

I understand

Does he know that I'm wanting him right now?

COACH - 4:35:39 am -

The Bible teaches that when His Spirit moves in, we know it.

Romans 8:15-16 (KJV) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

(Abba = Daddy)

So the question is, does His Spirit whisper peace to you? Do you sense that He is alive in you and working in your life?

It boils down to a choice in your heart to follow/surrender to Him. To be all-in.

CARL - 4:37:13 am

How do I decipher between the devil pretending to be the Spirit in me and the actual Spirit working in me?

COACH - 4:37:23 am -

That's a great question. :)

The devil manipulates, lies, and twists Scripture.

The Spirit of God in you will always agree with the written Word of God.

Where God's Spirit is, there is peace.

Where Satan is, there is confusion and fear.

CARL - 4:38:02 am

That makes sense haha

COACH - 4:38:12 am -

Sure.

I can't tell you if you are saved or not...

I can only tell you that God said that whoever comes to Him through Jesus will never be cast out.

CARL - 4:40:28 am

It does make me a little emotional though because I actually do want to know the real God (if there is one) and when nothing happens, or when Christians accuse me of being the problem (i.e. you didn't do it right), it kind of irks me. I'm just truth seeking and I don't understand why God just won't communicate with me like, for example, how Jesus communicated with Paul.

COACH - 4:40:49 am -

I'm not condemning you, Carl.

CARL - 4:40:54 am

I know

COACH - 4:40:59 am -

I can answer that though...

The Bible is complete. It contains everything we need to know about God until we face Him. Imagine if He told us ALL about Him and His works--it would be so overwhelming that we'd never finish it!

So He gave us a basic guide. The Bible is really a book that reveals Him to us, more than anything else.

Through the stories, the genealogies, the prophecies, He answers, "Who is God?" and "Who are we?" and "Where did we come from?" and "Where are we going?"

I have found all the answers I truly need for life in there.

He doesn't generally give new revelation today to people because He's already spoken....

It'd be like my 11 year old telling my 9 year old, "Mom said to wash the dishes with me."

and the 9 year old says, "But she didn't tell me that!"

But the 11 year old would say, "She asked me to tell you."

Does that make sense?

CARL - 4:44:27 am

If I might add to that analogy, let's say if the 9 year old didn't believe it came from you and disbelief equals eternal separation/damnation to hell. Would you go to the 9 year old to confirm in the clearest possible way?

COACH - 4:44:54 am -

Sure...

CARL - 4:45:13 am

God hasn't done that for me.

COACH - 4:45:18 am -

which is why we have 40 different writers over a period of thousands of years, and ALL of their writings line up with each other and with historical accounts.

Imagine...

that you are asked to collaborate...

to write the first chapter of a book that will be published in the year 3050.

How on earth would you even know where to begin??

The entire Bible aligns, each writer speaking of the same God..

CARL - 4:46:13 am

But they're not God.

I want God.

COACH - 4:46:21 am -

and when I invited God to work in my life and received what He wrote as the truth, He worked in my life similarly, even though He doesn't speak out loud.

For example, He promised peace...

I have that peace.

He promised guidance. I have that guidance.

He promised witness of the Spirit. I have that, too.

CARL - 4:47:04 am

But this is about me. You already believe.

COACH - 4:47:09 am -

I understand....

But it can be true for you, too.

It sounds to me like you are waiting for a sign?

"I will believe you if you prove that you are true?"

CARL - 4:47:51 am

It can be if God comes to me to tell me in the clearest possible way that the Bible is his word and not a lie. Why can't I have that?

COACH - 4:48:10 am -

Because His Word already tells you everything you need to know. In my illustration...

let's say I gave the 11 year old a note for the 9 year old to wash the dishes...

but he still doesn't do it because "I didn't hear Mom say it herself!"

He's going to be in trouble when I get home, because I left all he needed to know what my plan for him was.

God gave you all that you need already.

CARL - 4:49:36 am

The problem is that the Bible being the word of God is a claim. I need God's personal confirmation that it in fact is his word.

COACH - 4:49:37 am -

He even laid it, through His Spirit, on my heart and other coaches' hearts, and those Youtubers' hearts, to witness to you of all this.

You need to look into, then, how unique the Bible is among all other books.

Have you watched The Case for Christ?

CARL - 4:50:52 am

No, I haven't had the will to get to it. I've been busy studying islamic texts to help muslims come out of Islam. Funnily enough, I offer Jesus as an alternative to Muhammad for them.

COACH - 4:51:02 am -

:)

CARL - 4:51:29 am

Right now, can God tell me the Bible is his word?

COACH - 4:51:45 am -

Not using His Word to tell you?

CARL - 4:52:00 am

I want him to speak to me. Not through text, through speech.

COACH - 4:52:15 am -

I can't help you there.

CARL - 4:52:19 am

Like how i talk to my mum

COACH - 4:52:27 am -

I've been following Him for 30 years and have never heard His voice, though I sympathize with the desire.

Instead, I hear the still, small whispers in my heart reminding me of His written Word.

CARL - 4:52:57 am

Coach, It's really hard to believe he cares if he's not willing to simply say "The Bible is my Word." That's literally all I'd need and I'd be saved.

COACH - 4:53:27 am -

Mark 8:12-13 (KJV) And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

CARL - 4:53:58 am
I don't want a sign, I want God.

COACH - 4:54:29 am -
You want Him to speak audibly when He's already written down everything He wants you to know and preserved it through all kinds of difficulties for you to read.

CARL - 4:54:50 am
Men preserved it.

I just want confirmation that the claim it is god's word is true.

Confirmation from God himself.

He loves me doesn't he?

COACH - 4:55:46 am -
For sure He does!!

CARL - 4:55:51 am
Then talk to me.

COACH - 4:55:56 am -
I can't help you, Carl.

CARL - 4:55:58 am
I want to hear his voice.

COACH - 4:56:00 am -
He's spoken through His Word already.

I do pray that you find what you are looking for, but all I can do here is share what He's already said in His perfectly written Word.

CARL - 4:57:35 am
It actually upsets me that Christians preach God loves us so, but refuses to speak audibly and tangibly to his own creation whom he claims wants

to save from hell. I'm going to hell because he refuses to do one thing for me.

COACH - 4:58:19 am -

You're going to Hell because you reject the sacrifice Jesus left Heaven to make, inspired men to write about, preserved through thousands of years of opposition, and had translated into your heart language.

His Spirit is already drawing you.

CARL - 4:58:29 am

I've already prayed like 5-6 times in total btw

COACH - 4:58:37 am -

You are not saved by a prayer.

You are saved by faith in your heart.

CARL - 4:58:57 am

No, I pray because I want to know if he's the truth.

COACH - 4:59:31 am -

Right...

You aren't saying, "Jesus, I receive You as my Savior and want to give my whole life to You! I accept Your gift of eternal life."

You are saying, "Just onnnnnne more thing, and I'll believe."

I can't help you there.

He's already done and said enough for me to believe, and all of His promises have come true in my life.

CARL - 5:00:27 am

No, not one more thing. There was never a thing to begin with.

Again, not about you

COACH - 5:01:04 am -

The "one more thing" is "I want to hear God say it."

CARL - 5:01:17 am
That's not one more thing.

COACH - 5:01:30 am -
The only experience I have is my own, Carl, which is why I keep referencing it.

CARL - 5:01:40 am
The one thing I've been wanting for years is God telling me he's the truth. Not people writing so.

COACH - 5:01:59 am -
Then I can't help you.

I'm sorry.

CARL - 5:02:06 am
God can, but refuses.

You even admitted with a bible reference.

I've communicated to Jesus

He refuses to respond

COACH - 5:02:45 am -
2 Peter 1:21 (KJV) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. God already spoke.

He finished speaking all that you need to know.

CARL - 5:03:13 am
Supposedly

I'm not telling him to perform miracles or anything. Not give me wisdom to write a new revelation or something. I want confirmation from himself that the bible is his word

COACH - 5:03:55 am -
Is there anything else I can help with, Carlie?

Carl*

CARL - 5:04:14 am
What do I do to get Jesus to talk to me?

COACH - 5:04:31 am -
You read His Words.

CARL - 5:04:59 am
"His Words" is the claim. I want confirmation that this claim is true.
I keep saying I want God, you keep referring to a book men wrote.

COACH - 5:05:33 am -
Then watch The Case for Christ. That's the exact question the court reporting journalist who filmed it had.

His wife became a believer, and he was determined to prove it false.

CARL - 5:06:00 am
There are similar stories for Islam. stuff like that doesn't convince me.

COACH - 5:06:21 am -
I wish I had something else to offer you, but I don't.

don't*

I only have His Word

CARL - 5:06:42 am
Can I ask one question before I go

I don't wanna hold you too long

COACH - 5:07:09 am -
Ok.

CARL - 5:08:30 am
Wouldn't it be better if God spoke to every generation that'll ever exist just to avoid situations like mine instead of relying on men to convince people thousands of years later that it is his Word and he did perform miracles but he doesn't want to now?

COACH - 5:09:00 am -
He doesn't rely on men. He wrote it all down for us.

He asks us to share His Word with people.

CARL - 5:09:10 am
What??

COACH - 5:09:16 am -
It's not our message, it's His.

CARL - 5:09:26 am
I thought his apostles wrote it down

COACH - 5:10:05 am -
According to the verse I shared earlier, men wrote it down as He spoke it to them.

CARL - 5:10:31 am
you said God wrote it down though

COACH - 5:10:57 am -
He did, using people.

CARL - 5:11:16 am
So people wrote it down for him

COACH - 5:11:20 am -
Right.

CARL - 5:11:50 am
But wouldn't it be better to talk to us all in every generation just to avoid situations like I am in?

COACH - 5:12:13 am -
God knows much better than we do, Carl.

He always does what's best.

Remember the story of the man who went to Hell, the one Jesus told?

CARL - 5:12:30 am
I'm questioning it's a deity because of this

COACH - 5:12:55 am -

Luke 16:22-31 (KJV) And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Read that carefully....

CARL - 5:13:02 am

how'd he go to hell? isn't that punishment reversed for doj?

COACH - 5:13:20 am -

It says that if the lost men would not believe Moses and the prophets, they wouldn't believe someone who rose from the dead either.

CARL - 5:13:37 am
alr gimme a moment

Why'd he get sent to hell??

COACH - 5:15:37 am -
He didn't believe God.

That's the only reason men get sent to Hell.

They reject God's truth.

CARL - 5:16:22 am
But that's not good to torture people just because they didn't believe you.
maybe they had good reasons

COACH - 5:16:47 am -
I can't speak for God. I can only share HIS Words.

CARL - 5:17:01 am
is that good to you?

COACH - 5:17:27 am -
God always does what's right, Carl.

He has a lot more info than I do when He makes HIS decisions.

CARL - 5:17:47 am
Doesn't god say let us reason together?

He asks you to reason

COACH - 5:18:15 am -
Look at that in context:

Isaiah 1:18-20 (KJV) Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

It's time for me to go, Carl.

I pray that you find the peace you seek.

CARL - 5:18:36 am

Me too

Ty for talking

COACH - 5:18:48 am -

Take care!