

Using the Scriptures to Appeal to People's Experiences

To someone experiencing a **Esteem Crisis** – Jesus brings assurance of our Self-Worth and Value in that He Knew and Chose us even before we were ever Born and still He was willing to Die for us – that's How much we are Worth to God.

EPH 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

RO 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ZEP 3:17 The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

To someone experiencing **Bad Experiences** – Jesus brings Comfort and the Promise of Ultimate Justice and Ultimate Healing.

PS 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted, And binds up their wounds.

1JN 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is.

REV 7:17b ...and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes."

PS 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

To someone experiencing **Lack of Meaning** – Jesus brings Meaning and Purpose to our Lives.

PR 16:4a The LORD has made everything for its own purpose

EPH 1:4 For He chose us before the creation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love

EPH 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

COL 1:16 (paraphrase) B/C Everything got started in Him...therefore Everything Finds its Purpose in Him.

JER 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

To someone experiencing **Internal Conflict** – Jesus brings Wholeness and the Power to Live as we should.

COL 2:10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

RO 6:14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.

RO 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

GAL 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

PHI 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

HEB 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

To someone experiencing **Future Uncertain** – Jesus brings Forgiveness of our Sins and the certain Hope of a Home in Heaven with Him.

JN 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

JN 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,

JN 14:2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

To someone experiencing **Alienation** – Jesus brings Reconciliation and true Fellowship among His people.

EPH 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

PHP 2:1 If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

AC 2:42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

IJN 1:7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

To someone experiencing **God Absent** – Jesus brings us Peace with God, an Intimate Relationship with God, and His Spirit living within us.

RO 5:1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

JN 14:16 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

ICO 6:19a Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God...

LK 11:9 "And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.

MT 28:20b ...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."