

### 3 Versions of Jeff's Testimony

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#### Jeff's Story in 199 Words

I grew up in a Christian family, and I tried to embrace my parent's faith, but it wasn't working for me.

I lacked joy. I was a sad, gloomy young man.

I was plagued with fear. Anxiety overwhelmed me.

The problem was that I thought Christianity was all about:

Church Activity - Which I did a lot.

Correct Doctrine - Believing the right things.

Good Behavior - Obeying the rules.

In a word, my Christian life was all about religion.

And religion was leaving me empty.

While in college, I discovered from a professor and a pastor that I was missing the point. I discovered the essence of Christianity is not about religion, but about a relationship. It's about enjoying a loving friendship with God. Jesus didn't die on the cross to make us religious. He died to make a way for us to experience a reconciled relationship with God.

I started talking to God. Listening to Him. Depending on Him. His nearness startled me. His love overwhelmed me. And that new friendship with God changed everything for me. Joy, Peace, Courage, Passion started to well up in my heart! And these days I continue to love life with God.

Now, I am devoting my life to helping people discover that they were made to do life with God.

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#### Jeff's Story in 99 Words

I used to be a melancholy young man...plagued with fear and anxiety. And my Christian faith wasn't helping. I thought Christianity was about going to church, obeying the rules and believing the right stuff. In a word, I thought it was all about religion. I discovered, I was actually missing the point. *True Christianity isn't about religion; it's about a relationship.* Jesus came to offer everyone friendship with God. Getting to know God and enjoying his love, has changed everything for me. Living with God is now filling my heart with joy, peace and a passion for life.

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#### Jeff's Story in 9 Words

I ditched religion and now enjoy relationship with God.