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You say you believe in God. Do you really? Do you live your life as if God is in the room, or do you assume He's not paying attention? You call yourself a Christian. Are you who you say you are?

In this multiple week series, we will challenge each other to confront hypocrisy, challenge ourselves, and live a life that brings glory to Christ.

Week 3 – The Christian Atheist

Believing in God, but Aren't Sure That He Loves You

1. A Familiar Song, An Uncertain Truth

- “Jesus Loves Me... This I Know...”
 - Known by many, believed by fewer
 - Many believe in God... but struggle to believe He truly loves *them*
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2. Hosea: A Living Illustration of God's Love

- Prophet to the Northern Kingdom (Ephraim)
- Contemporary of Isaiah (approx. 750–700 BC)
- Message: God's love remains despite unfaithfulness

Hosea 1:2–3

- Command: Marry a prostitute
- Purpose: Illustrate Israel's unfaithfulness

Hosea's Family

- Lo-Ruhamah – “Not Loved”
 - Lo-Ammi – “Not My People”
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3. The Pattern of Spiritual Unfaithfulness

- Worshiped other gods
- Trusted military strength over God
- Ignored prophetic warnings
- Formed ungodly alliances

Hosea 2:7–8

- Chasing what cannot satisfy
 - Forgetting the true source of blessing
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4. When We Question God's Love

- “How could God love me after...?”
 - God is not threatened by our questions
 - Like Job, we wrestle—but God responds with redemption
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5. Discipline Reveals, It Doesn't Destroy

Hosea 2:9–12

- Removal of provision
 - Exposure of sin
 - Ending false worship
 - Destruction of misplaced trust
 - God allows consequences to redirect hearts
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6. Redemption: God's Unexpected Response

Hosea 3:1–3

- “Go and love your wife again...”
- Hosea redeems Gomer at a cost
- Restoration before reconciliation
- God doesn't give what we *deserve*

- He shows what He *will do*
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7. From Slavery to Sonship

John 8:34–36

- Sin leads to slavery
 - Jesus offers freedom
 - We are not just forgiven—we are adopted
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8. Love Calls for Repentance, Not Shame

Hosea 4:1, 18

- No faithfulness, kindness, or knowledge of God
- Choosing shame over honor

Job 42:5–6

- From questioning to repentance
 - God restores the humble
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9. God Is Love

1 John 4:8–10

- God doesn't just show love—He *is* love
 - Love initiated by God, not earned by us
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10. God Showed Love

Romans 5:8

- Christ died for us while we were still sinners
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11. God Invites Love

Hosea 14:1–4

- Return to the Lord
- Confession leads to healing

God's love has no limits

12. God Pursues Forever

Psalm 23:6

- God's goodness and love pursue us
 - Not temporary... but eternal
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Final Truth to Receive

Christ died for _____

John 3:16

For God so loved _____,
That He gave His only Son,
so that when _____ believes in Him,
they will not perish but have eternal life.