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1. CARE

- CONNECT** Ask how they are doing
- AFFIRM** Listen for fears + feelings
- RELATE** Empathize by repeating back the exact fears and feelings shared (share your story)
- ENCOURAGE** Make it a spiritual conversation using phrases & verses below

Ex: *"It makes sense that you are scared and don't know how you are going to provide for your family". Do you have hope in the middle of this? Did you know God is able to meet all our needs when we put our faith in Him? When I was out of a job, I trusted God to provide for my needs and a neighbor showed up with groceries. Do you have this hope? Would you like to?*

2. TRANSITIONS TO SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

- *How have you been handling the current situation? Where does your hope come from? Would you like to have unshakeable hope? (Share your story & how to accept Jesus)*
- *Have you ever attended church here at Saddleback? Did you know that we have an online service that you can watch from the safety of your own home? You can even pull up past sermons and find topics that you're interested in. (saddleback.com to watch)*
- *How long have you been a Christian? That's so great. How has Jesus changed your life?*
- *What has God been teaching you? God has been teaching me _____ during my quiet time.*
- *God made you for a purpose and He made you on purpose. Did you know that? (Share your story)*
- *Have you talked to God about your circumstances? How is your prayer life? (Share how God has answered your prayers)*

- *Whatever you are going through, God loves you more than you or I are able to imagine. Did you know that?*
- *You are loved and God has a gift for you. (John 3:16-17). Would you like the gift of Jesus?*
- *Would you like to accept Jesus into your heart as your personal savior and start a RELATIONSHIP with him?*
- *Would you like to have a fresh start and recommit your RELATIONSHIP with Jesus?*

LOVE FOR WORTHLESSNESS

- *This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **1 John 4:9 NIV***
- *Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **Matthew 6:26 NIV***

HOPE FOR HOPELESSNESS

- *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Romans 15:13***
- *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28***
- *and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. **Romans 5:5***

PEACE FOR ANXIETY

- *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, 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. **Philippians 4:6–7 NIV***

COMFORT FOR FEAR

- *...the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. **2 Corinthians 1:3–4 NIV***
- *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **Psalms 23:4 NIV***

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR STRESS

- *May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. **Romans 15:5–6***
- *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. **Psalm 34:18 NIV***
- *When you go through deep waters, I will be with you! When you pass through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned up; it will not consume you! **Isaiah 43:2***

PURPOSE FOR CONFUSION

- *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10***
- *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— **Ephesians 1:4–5 NIV***

GOD CARES

- *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. **1 Peter 5:7***
- *Everyone tried to touch him, because healing power went out from him, and he healed everyone. **Luke 6:19 NLT***
- *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19 NIV***

GIFT OF SALVATION FOR ACCESS TO THE PROMISES OF GOD

- *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16***
- *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. **Romans 10:9–10 NIV***
- *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. **John 1:12 NIV***