



“I Believe in God, ‘BUT’ I’m Not Religious”
“My ‘BUT’ Is In the Way” Series

Pastor Jason

7.24.22

“It's easy to hate people when we depersonalize them and keep them at arm's length. But when we get to know them, when their troubles and struggles become real, when we feel their pain as human beings, it becomes much harder to hate. Why do we hate in the first place? Because hate is a form of anger and it's much easier to be angry than to feel hurt or scared. And that's what can happen when we let people in and begin feeling them sympathetically and compassionately. If you are brave enough to get to know people, you will eventually become brave enough to navigate your own emotional wilderness. I suspect one of the reasons people cling to their hates so stubbornly is because they sense, once hate is gone, they will be forced to deal with pain.”—Anna Wade

Question: Where do you go when you **NEED GOD**?

God's Big Idea:

There is no **GOOD SUBSTITUTE** for **GETTING CLOSE** to God.

Jesus wants **YOU**.

We need **OTHERS**.

There's only **US**.

Question: What's your **WELL**?

Read the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well in **John 4**. You can also watch it portrayed in episode 8 (“I Am He”) of the TV series ***The Chosen***.

Visit <https://www.barna.com/research/meet-spiritual-not-religious/> for research data on the “spiritual but not religious” crowd.