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I need to know someone cares for me. _____

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I need something credible to put my trust in. _____

Christians have what it takes to meet these needs.

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love. - I Corinthians 13:13*

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We have to intentionally move into their lives with genuine, unconditional love. Offering love through relationship building was what Jesus did in moving from heaven to earth. So must we live among them with love, and love them till they know it, and begin to wonder why.

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