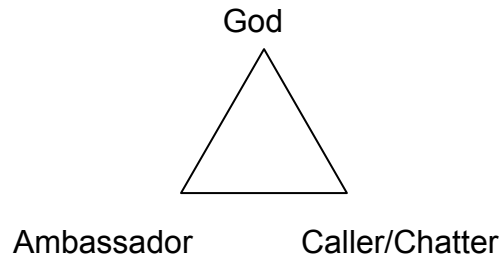


What it Means to be Christ's Ambassador



“We are therefore Christ’s Ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.
We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God” (2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV).

God, Ambassador, and Caller/Chatter Roles in Christian Counseling

God	Christ's Ambassador	Caller/Chatter
Comfort: “Father of compassion,” Jesus is our “Friend,” Spirit is our “Comforter.”	Light: Offer warm comfort and interested caring; reveal needs and God’s path of provision (Matthew 5:14-16).	Vision: See what change would look like; believe God cares.
Guidance: Father draws us, Jesus is “the way,” the Spirit is the “Spirit of truth.”	Salt: Recruit desire and ideas for change; elicit thirst to relate with God and follow his ways (Matthew 5:13).	Intention: Motivation to change; trust that God will guide.
Power: Father creates life, Jesus gives keys to kingdom, Spirit raised Christ from dead is in us.	Keys: Encourage action; pray to open the doors to God’s loving rule (Matthew 16:19).	Means: Take positive steps to change; rely on God’s power step-by-step.

Jesus Shows us How to be His Ambassador (John 4:4-42)

God	Jesus (Ambassador)	Samaritan Woman
Comfort: Father is Giver, to be worshiped in spirit and truth.	Light: Shows her who God is and what she’s struggling with; how she can relate to true God with her true self.	Vision: Sees that her well is deep: she’s ashamed of her adultery and feels far from God.
Guidance: Jesus is Messiah and Savior.	Salt: Elicits her thirst to drink and share (overflow with) God’s living water.	Intention: Wants to worship God, to know the Messiah and share him with others.
Power: Spirit is spring of living water.	Keys: Empowers her to open doors, to act to advance God’s loving rule.	Means: Praises Christ as Savior (worship), leaves her water jar (growth), share’s her testimony in village (serve).