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I believe in God. God has helped me a lot during my life and because of that I know that he has to be real. He may very well be walking the Earth right now.

After moving down to Ridgecrest, my spiritual gift of faith was something that helped me a lot. I believed that God would do what was best and did not question what he was doing. I knew God cared about me, and wouldn't make me suffer living in a different place. God sent many people to make me feel welcome here.

God, put Jesus on Earth, so Jesus could die for all of our sins. All of us are in debt to Jesus, and God, and everyday many of us try to be better people. Some of us follow the Ten Commandments as best as we possibly can. Many people think that the Ten Commandments are in order of how they should be obeyed, but they're not. The Ten Commandments should be viewed, and obeyed equally.

I think that we should help people who need help. In Matthew verse 25:31-46 it says *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I need clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'"* Then the righteous will answer him, *'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'"* The King will reply, *'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'* Then he will say to those on his left, *'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'* They also will answer, *'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and did not help you?'* He will reply, *'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'* *"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

This means that if we do not believe that everyone we see in need is part of God, then we are the goats, and not the sheep. Having the spiritual gift of hospitality will help me be a sheep and not a goat, because I can be friendly and generous to strangers, and guests. By using my spiritual gift of evangelism I will be able to help people know Jesus personally, which will help with problems they may have in their lives or make them an all around better person.