

Hello Alive Church,

Up until now, I have been a prosecuting or civil attorney for the past thirteen years. Now, I am leaving the world of law to fulfill my calling as a pastor! What a journey, right?! Many see lawyers and pastors as polar opposites on **some** kind of scale. I'm living proof we do exist! My life's work is still in my coming chapters at Alive Church, in Tucson. They've selected me to fill a position as "Pastor in Residence" where I will set to strengthening a new set of skills under the mentorship of highly qualified leaders like Dr. Jeffrey Allen Love!

When I graduated with my bachelor's degree, I suffered a – sort of – identity crisis. I had to choose between law school or seminary. My wife LaShawn and I knew that God led me to law school, but I felt that this forever closed the possibility of a career in ministry. As it turns out, I dreamed too little for myself because God's dreams for me, amazingly, include *both*. Talk about a "cake and eat it too" situation! God used law to forge my analytical, organizational, research, advocacy, and communication skills. God gave me life experiences that I can now see He wants me to use in pastoral ministry. This is my calling: to show people they have every reason to believe in God, and that all evidence shows that Jesus absolutely, far-and-away, reliably is this God! This includes shepherding and discipling people through the rigors of life as they grapple with this reality.

Please believe me when I say that becoming fabulously wealthy is **not** a factor in my decision to follow this calling away from law and into vocational ministry. Indeed, like a missionary supported in work abroad by faithful ministry partners state-side, I must raise money for my first year. This is where you come in: I need you to come along side me in this calling and mission through prayer and financial support. I'll be learning the ins-and-outs of leading and growing a healthy church ministry while serving and influencing at Alive Church!

Since the start of this monumental sea-change shift in my career path, I have been flooded with numerous ideas going forward with Alive Church in apologetics, college ministry, music ministry, outreach ideas, discipling ideas, church plant plans and more! It is going to be so exciting to see how your support works to unfold God's mission in my life to spread capital "T" Truth to others that will help give their own lives perspective, context, meaning and purpose, firmly rooted in the service of God and their fellow man. You can help by funding:

1. **A One-Time Donation**: Some may be blessed enough to give thousands and others it may be a hundred. Any amount you are led to offer is appreciated.
2. **A Monthly Commitment**: As you feel led, this could be any affordable amount.

Your contribution will be a powerful act in the service of God elevating this community, the entire country and, Lord willing, others around the world as Alive Church's reach is global! My full-time dedication to this work is slated to start at the beginning of August 2022 – right around the corner. **So, we ask that you please make your commitment as soon as possible, but ideally prior to**

August 7, 2022. Donations can be given at alivechurch.com/give and select the fund PIR – Jeremy. We ask that if you mail a check, to mail it to Alive Church and designate it to Jeremy Shorbe. (All donations to Alive Church are completely tax-deductible.)

Let's, you and me, marvel at what God will do in the lives of others with 22 years of legal education and experience turned with full force to bear in full-time ministry of the Great Commandment: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* Matthew 22:37-39.

Thank You,
Jeremy T. Shorbe

P.S. I am also wildly drawn to Christian Apologetics (the words put forth in defense of the Faith). *"Always be ready to tell everyone who asks you why you believe as you do. Be gentle as you speak and show respect."* 1 Peter 3:15. If you're interested, I've attached two points I've learned to help others that may struggle with evidence for God's existence.

1. Science Has Proven the Universe Had a Beginning; Therefore, It Must Have Had a "Beginner":

The work of the scientific community including Sir Isaac Newton, Edwin Hubble, Albert Einstein, and Stephen Hawking all but absolutely prove that the Universe (consisting of time, space, energy, and matter) had a beginning before which there was no time, space, energy, and matter. Based on these findings, this means that whatever caused the Big Bang had to be **above**, and be **separate from** time, space, energy, and matter. This being cannot have been caused by any material or force but, rather, caused the Universe to come into existence. This being also had to be free to choose to engage creating the Universe or not - otherwise there would be some other natural material explanation. But, not only is there no evidence that time, space, matter, and energy created the Universe - the scientific research prohibits this. Therefore, whatever first caused the Universe must have been immaterial, unconfined to space, eternal, and have freewill ... all attributes squarely fitting the definition of God.

2. The Most Authoritative Scientific Statement, Today, on "What Gravity Is Made Of," Is Reflected in Colossians 1:17:

Sir Isaac Newton, a Christian known as the father of modern physics, has had the "last word" in the scientific community thus far on "what Gravity IS":

The substance of gravity cannot be material but instead, 'in Him [God] are all things contained and moved.' – Sir Isaac Newton, The General Scholium to the Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica, 1687.

'The ultimate source of gravitational motion is the constant spirit action of God' – Sir Isaac Newton, The Newton-Bentley Letters, 1713.

Compare this with the Bible verse written hundreds of years prior by the Apostle Paul in Colossians 1:17, "He [Christ] existed before anything else, and He holds all creation together." The scientific observers of our Universe cannot help but relay their conclusion pointing directly to the Truth, the Way, and the Life! Similar evidence that tends to show that God does **not** exist has not been found in science to date. But Newton's work has been proved thousands of times in other applications and sciences putting a man on the moon, and understanding space-time.

For more information, I **highly recommend** a few YouTube videos by Dr. Stephen Meyer that may be viewed by going to YouTube.Com with these links below or by going to www.YouTube.Com and searching for the titles listed in quotes below:

1. "Dr. Stephen Meyer Discusses the Big Bang, Einstein, Hawking, & More – Science Uprising Expert Interviews," October 5, 2021, https://youtu.be/m_AeA4fMHhI.
2. "The Judeo-Christian Origins of Modern Science," April 18, 2022, <https://youtu.be/ss-kzyXeqdQ>.
3. "Stephen Meyer: God and the Origin of the Universe," March 18, 2019, <https://youtu.be/7pk9oDrpf6k>.