

25 THINGS TO SAY TO A LOVED ONE

LEAVING THE CHURCH

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1. I love you.
2. We can believe different things and still be close.
3. I trust you to do what is best for you.
4. I want you to be happy.
5. What can I do to support you right now?
6. I know you didn't make this decision lightly.
7. I respect your integrity and your strength.
8. You will always have a place here, no matter what.
9. I can't imagine how hard this has been for you.
10. Tell me more about your journey (and then really listen).
11. I'd love to read the Church essays so that we can talk more.
12. You have legitimate concerns.
13. The world needs more people like you.
14. If anyone asks me about your decision, I'll tell him or her to talk to you directly.
15. Your relationship with the Church has nothing to do with our relationship.
16. My love for you is constant and unconditional.
17. Even though I believe in the church, I believe you when you say you don't know if it's true.
18. You're a good parent, son, daughter, etc.
19. You are a good person.
20. I'm not worried about you.
21. We all have our own unique paths.
22. Agency is an amazing gift.
23. I don't understand where you're coming from, but I want to.
24. I don't know what to say.
25. I am here for you.