

Bay City Wesleyan Church
October 15, 2017

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Sunday Morning 10-15-2017

Our Challenge for 2017 is to regularly ask Jesus, "Am I following you?"
When was the last time you asked?

<http://bible.com/events/296061>

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How much spice do you use in your chili?

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Annual Chili Cook-Off for AWAKEN Youth Ministry

Get out your chili fixin's and mix up your best for this year's Cook-Off.

WHEN: Saturday, October 21st, at 5 PM

WHERE: The Fellowship Hall (in the basement of the parsonage)

COST: \$5 for each entry

 \$5 to eat and judge without an entry

 kids under 5 years old are FREE

CATEGORIES: Mild, HOT, White

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If Jesus came to our community now, he might say, "Friends, everything I needed to know about life I learned on the ball diamond. Life and baseball are full of fresh starts. Every batter will strike out and every player will make an error from time to time. Keep swinging. Keep trying. Never; never; never; ever give up!"

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 NIV

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 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. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<http://bible.com/111/2co.5.11-21.NIV>

A Summary of the Bible Passage:

I'm convinced Jesus' death and resurrection changes everything, compelled by his love to help others experience that change and committed to carrying this message to everyone I can.

Sermon in a Sentence:

Jesus' love raised me from the dead and now it shapes and motivates all I do.

In response to today's message, I will...

Change my thinking by memorizing 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

Pick a Building Bridge habit to start today

Take time to think about how much Jesus' sacrifice has changed me