

Bay City Wesleyan Church
March 25, 2018

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Sunday Morning 03-25-2018 (Palm Sunday)

Jesus promised, "You will bear fruit, lots of fruit, lasting fruit." John 15:5

Let's pray at 1:55 PM daily to see Jesus producing fruit in and through us.

<http://bible.com/events/381843>

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Claiming the promise in 2018

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The Promise:

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

We are in a series of messages called SENT. The entire series is based on...

John 20:21-22 NIV

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.20.21-22.NIV>

First part - Jesus sends us as the Father sent him and his Spirit fills us as we go to those needing his transforming love.

Second part - We want to develop relationships because found people find people and saved people seek people.

Third part - We want to discover stories by asking questions and listening. You have two ears and one mouth, so you can listen twice as much as you speak.

Fourth part - We want to be ready to talk about Jesus, so we develop our stories. Our stories have three parts: Before Jesus; Meeting Jesus; and Living with Jesus.

Fifth part - We live by the Spirit and keep in step with the Spirit because the Spirit lives in us. He helps us discern next steps in our efforts to find people.

The Director of Church Multiplication and Discipleship for The Wesleyan Church is Rev. Anita Eastlack. She asks, "When God reveals His heart and will to make disciples of all people do we find ourselves RUNNING or PRAYING?"

Citation: from a friend's Facebook post

What about us? Jesus put us in Bay County. He assigned this area as our mission field. Will we choose RUNNING or PRAYING?

Colossians 4:2-6 NIV

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/col.4.2-6.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Talking to Jesus about your loved ones will open doors for you to talk to your loved ones about Jesus.

I believe we need to choose PRAYING.

I'm inviting you to join me to engage in intentionally intense intercession for those who aren't following Jesus yet.

Intentionally - purposefully

Intense - passionate and powerful

Intercession - prayer for others

FIRST STEPS:

- Make a list of persons to pray for.
- Start praying for them like you've never prayed for them before.