

Bay City Wesleyan Church
September 8, 2019

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Sunday Morning 09-08-2019

TEACHING SERIES

LIVING SENT - 5 Habits of Great Bridge Builders

Great Bridge Builders are on a mission to meet people where they are and walk with them loving them in Jesus' name.

<http://bible.com/events/685908>

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Bringing up another person is difficult. We all need help.

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Bringing up another person is difficult, but definitively fulfilling. We're taking three Sundays mornings to dig up practical principles for Parenting on The Front Lines.

September 15 ACTING FEARLESS WHEN YOU FEEL FRIGHTENED

How do we help children thrive in a scary world?

September 22 WORDS, RESPECT, AND LOVE

What's the balance between love and discipline?

September 29 IT'S NOT FAIR!

How can we share grace and forgiveness across generations?

As we follow Jesus, he leads us to meet people where they are and walk with them loving them in his name.

We've discovered that we all must actively love as Jesus loves, but when it comes to speaking, most of us answer questions while a few of us proclaim.

We need to live in a way that makes people curious. That takes more than being nice like most people.

One way to do that is to realize we need to bless people by listening to them, sharing encouraging words, doing acts of kindness, or giving thoughtful gifts.

Jesus found ways to build bridges at tables. So, we need to eat with people, too.

Whenever someone asks why you do what you do, the answer is always Jesus. Whenever a person asks about the hope you have, the answer is always Jesus.

1 John 4:19 NIV

<small>19</small> We love because he first loved us.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/1jn.4.19.NIV>

2 Corinthians 5:14 NLT

<small>14</small> Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/2co.5.14.nlt>

Matthew 5:14-16 NLT

<small>14</small> "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <small>15</small> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <small>16</small> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/mat.5.14-16.nlt>

John 8:12 NET

<small>12</small> Then Jesus spoke out again, "I am the light of the world. The one who follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

<https://bible.com/bible/107/jhn.8.12.net>

This is Jesus's idea of grace. He helps us all because he loves us all.

Our acts of love and blessing should not build our reputation. They must point people to Jesus.

Have you ever prayed anything along these lines: "Father, let my light shine before people in such a way that they may see my good works and glorify you"?

Citation: Andy Stanley, VISIONEERING devotional on the Bible App, YouVersion

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Visioneering

7 Days

<http://bible.com/r/la>

How will we know when and where to build bridges?

Sermon in a Sentence:

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
trusting Holy Spirit

to be my guide.

LIVING SENT using the 5 habits of great bridge builders:

Bless 3 people each week

Eat with 3 people each week

Listen to the Holy Spirit

Learn more about Jesus

Share your story about Jesus

The goal is for us to do on our own what we would have done if God told us what to do.