

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
November 26, 2017

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Sunday Morning 11-26-2017

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

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Sunday, December 24 at 10:45 AM - 11:59 AM

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FREE Tickets for Christmas by the Bay

Enjoy the sights, songs, and smells of Christmas. Hear the story like it's the very first time. Cookies, coffee, and hot cocoa to share afterwards. Bring your family to a Christmas Eve experience you'll all enjoy and have the rest of the day to celebrate together. Perhaps you'll start a new tradition. Get your FREE tickets now.

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Our advent sermon series

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"A Simple Christmas" is a 4-week series encouraging us to keep Christmas simple by focusing on God's peace, joy, love, and our response of faith in Jesus. The series concludes with the message at Christmas by the Bay.

Who do you know that needs simple faith in Jesus? Invite them. Better yet, bring them, so simple faith transforms their lives.

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Following Jesus helps us to deal with changes and transitions in life

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Most of us have the same reaction to the losses, changes, and transitions in our lives as Sam's friend in "Green Eggs and Ham," by Dr. Seuss.

What good comes from all the losses, changes, and transitions we go through? What good can come from the grief and pain we deal with in this broken world?

2 Corinthians 1:3-11 NLT

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us. We think you ought to know, dear

brothers and sisters, about the trouble we went through in the province of Asia. We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die. But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. And he did rescue us from mortal danger, and he will rescue us again. We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us. And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/2co.1.3-11.NLT>

Sermon in a Sentence:

The Comforter comforts us, so we can comfort others.

When you're hurting and upset about the losses, changes, and transitions in your life, you find it hard to think about other people. But the Comforter comforts you both directly as you seek to connect with him and indirectly as you connect with other followers of Jesus. As he comforts you, you are released to comfort others.

Jesus wants to help you deal with what you're dealing with as you face the losses, changes, and transitions of this broken world.

I hope you will learn to declare,  
"Yes, I know Jesus comforts me.  
He is so good, so good to me.  
I will share his comfort  
here and there.  
Yes! I will share it everywhere!  
I will share it now and then.  
I will share his comfort  
all the time."

Series Conclusion:

Transitions happen to all of us. They are inevitable and inescapable.

Jesus and his people are the comforters you need to deal with the jolts you experience.

When grief comes, and you want to find Jesus, hang out with brokenhearted people.

Jesus is more trustworthy than your circumstances.

Prayer is the key to receiving Jesus' peace.

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