

Bay City Wesleyan Church  
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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.

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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?

The Big Idea for this series is that, 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.

What exactly are we to tell people?

What is the gospel?

John 15:26-27 NIV

<font color="#999999">26</font></small> "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <font

color="#999999">27</font></small> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.15.26-27.NIV>

John 16:8-11 NIV

<small><font color="#999999">8</font></small> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <small><font color="#999999">9</font></small> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <small><font color="#999999">10</font></small> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <small><font color="#999999">11</font></small> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.  
<https://bible.com/bible/111/jhn.16.8-11.NIV>

Who is responsible for convicting, convincing, and proving to unbelievers that they are not right with God and facing judgment?  
The Holy Spirit  
NOT you. NOT me.

2 Timothy 2:8 NLT

<small><font color="#999999">8</font></small> Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.  
<https://bible.com/bible/116/2ti.2.8.nlt>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Whenever someone asks about why you do what you do, the answer is always Jesus.

Acts of the Apostles 13:14-41 NLT

<small><font color="#999999">14</font></small> But Paul and Barnabas traveled inland to Antioch of Pisidia. On the Sabbath they went to the synagogue for the services. <small><font color="#999999">15</font></small> After the usual readings from the books of Moses and the prophets, those in charge of the service sent them this message: "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, come and give it." <small><font color="#999999">16</font></small> So Paul stood, lifted his hand to quiet them, and started speaking. "Men of Israel," he said, "and you God-fearing Gentiles, listen to me. <small><font color="#999999">17</font></small> "The God of this nation of Israel chose our ancestors and made them multiply and grow strong during their stay in Egypt. Then with a powerful arm he led them out of their slavery. <small><font color="#999999">18</font></small> He put up with them through forty years of wandering in the wilderness. <small><font color="#999999">19</font></small> Then he destroyed seven nations in Canaan and gave their land to Israel as an inheritance. <small><font color="#999999">20</font></small> All this took about 450 years. "After that, God gave them judges to rule until the time of Samuel the prophet. <small><font color="#999999">21</font></small> Then the people begged for a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. <small><font color="#999999">22</font></small> But God removed Saul and replaced him

with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

<font color="#999999">23</font></small> "And it is one of King David's descendants, Jesus, who is God's promised Savior of Israel!

<font color="#999999">24</font></small> Before he came, John the Baptist preached that all the people of Israel needed to repent of their sins and turn to God and be baptized. <font color="#999999">25</font></small> As John was finishing his ministry he asked, 'Do you think I am the Messiah? No, I am not! But he is coming soon—and I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the sandals on his feet.'

<font color="#999999">26</font></small> "Brothers—you sons of Abraham, and also you God-fearing Gentiles—this message of salvation has been sent to us! <font color="#999999">27</font></small> The people in Jerusalem and their leaders did not recognize Jesus as the one the prophets had spoken about. Instead, they condemned him, and in doing this they fulfilled the prophets' words that are read every Sabbath. <font color="#999999">28</font></small> They found no legal reason to execute him, but they asked Pilate to have him killed anyway. <font color="#999999">29</font></small> "When they had done all that the prophecies said about him, they took him down from the cross and placed him in a tomb. <font color="#999999">30</font></small> But God raised him from the dead! <font color="#999999">31</font></small> And over a period of many days he appeared to those who had gone with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to the people of Israel. <font color="#999999">32</font></small> "And now we are here to bring you this Good News. The promise was made to our ancestors, <font color="#999999">33</font></small> and God has now fulfilled it for us, their descendants, by raising Jesus. This is what the second psalm says about Jesus: 'You are my Son. Today I have become your Father.'

<font color="#999999">34</font></small> For God had promised to raise him from the dead, not leaving him to rot in the grave. He said, 'I will give you the sacred blessings I promised to David.'

<font color="#999999">35</font></small> Another psalm explains it more fully: 'You will not allow your Holy One to rot in the grave.'

<font color="#999999">36</font></small> This is not a reference to David, for after David had done the will of God in his own generation, he died and was buried with his ancestors, and his body decayed. <font color="#999999">37</font></small> No, it was a reference to someone else—someone whom God raised and whose body did not decay. <font color="#999999">38</font></small> "Brothers, listen! We are here to proclaim that through this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. <font color="#999999">39</font></small> Everyone who believes in him is made right in God's sight—something the law of Moses could never do. <font color="#999999">40</font></small> Be careful! Don't let the prophets' words apply to you. For they said, <font color="#999999">41</font></small> 'Look, you mockers, be amazed and die! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it.' "

<https://bible.com/bible/116/act.13.14-41.nlt>

Remember the power is in the gospel.

What is the gospel?

The answer is always Jesus.

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