

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 03-26-2017

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Our theme for 2017 is Jesus' invitation, "Follow me."

These two simple words will transform every person that accepts the challenge. I pray that in the next few months all of us in this church, as well as those who join us, will see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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How can a person who is not a gifted evangelist help those far from God to come home in Jesus?

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.

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

How will I know what to do? How will we know when and where to build bridges?

Matthew 5:14-16 NIV

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the

same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
<http://bible.com/111/mat.5.14-16.NIV>

SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

This little light of mine,
I'm going to let it shine,
trusting the Spirit to guide this life of mine.

Will you run and disobey? Or, will you pray and obey?

FIRST STEPS:

1. Don't run. Pray.
2. Don't talk. Listen.

Overview of the 5 Habits of Great Bridge Builders

1. Bless 3 people each week
2. Eat with 3 people each week
3. Learn more about Jesus
4. Listen to the Holy Spirit
5. See yourself as sent to share your story