

Building Family Bridges

Building Relational Bridges – Part 4 of 9

I want to build a bridge to _____.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

1. You make it the top priority.

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:36-39 (NIV)

“If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody.”

Galatians 6:3 (NLT)

“But those who won’t care for their own relatives, especially those living in the same household, have denied what we believe.”

1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT)

Things move up the list of priorities when ...

- I plan them.
- I schedule them.
- I do them.

2. You build on the little things.

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NLT)

“Your godly lives will speak to them better than any words.”

1 Peter 3:1 (TLB)

“When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.” Philippians 2:3 (NCV)

“And now a word to you fathers. Don’t make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

3. You never give up.

“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

“Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” Luke 18:1 (NIV)

“And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.”

Galatians 6:9 (LB)

4. You let God love you.

“... how I need Your help, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should.” Psalm 101:2 (TNB)

“We love because God first loved us.” 1 John 4:19 (NCV)

“Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave Himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins.”

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

“Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can’t keep God’s love away.”

Romans 8:38 (NLT)