



**Haven Community Church  
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<sup>6</sup>Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? <sup>47</sup>I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. <sup>48</sup>He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. <sup>49</sup>But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."  
– Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)

## Build a Bridge...Home

### I. Building a bridge...family

I want to build a bridge to \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"  
– Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

#### 4 ways to bridge the gap

- Make it the top priority

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>37</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. ..."  
– Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

- Build a bridge on the little things daily

<sup>4-5</sup>Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable and keeps no record of when it has been wronged."

– 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

### II. How to build it – Luke 6

- Same desire
  - Build a home
- Different approaches

"...who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock."  
– Luke 6:48 (NIV)

- Durability & Strength
- Endurance & Future

"...built a house on the ground without a foundation."  
– Luke 6:49 (NIV)

- Short-cuts/Instant gratification
- Shortsighted

"Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn."  
– John 21:10-11a (NIV)

### III. Building a bridge...family (continued)

- Never give up

<sup>7</sup>Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every situation"

– 1 Corinthians 13:7

*"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one. Wrap it carefully with hobbies and little luxuries. Lock it up safe in the casket of your selfishness. But in that casket it will change. It will not be broken. It will become unbreakable, impenetrable, and irredeemable. The only place outside of heaven where you can be perfectly safe from the dangers of love is hell."*  
– C.S. Lewis

- Never stop

- Let God love you & love through you

"How I need your help, especially in my home where I long to act as I should."  
– Psalm 101:2 (TLB)

"We love because God first loved us."  
– 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

- Act today

<sup>10b-11</sup>...each of you should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."  
– 1 Corinthians 3:10b-11