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## January 17, 2021

### Build a Bridge

Once upon a time, two brothers who lived on adjoining farms fell into conflict. It was the first serious rift in 40 years of farming side-by-side, sharing machinery and trading labor and goods as needed without a hitch. Then the long collaboration fell apart. It began with a small misunderstanding that grew into a major difference and, finally, exploded into an exchange of bitter words, followed by weeks of silence.

One morning there was a knock on John's door. He opened it to find a man with a carpenter's toolbox. "I'm looking for a few days' work," he said. "Perhaps you would have a few small jobs here and there I could help with?"

"Yes," said the older brother. "I do have a job for you. Look across the creek at that farm. That's my neighbor. In fact, it's my younger brother! Last week, there was a meadow between us. He recently took his bulldozer to the river levee, and now there is a creek between us. Well, he may have done this to spite me, but I'll do him one better. See that pile of lumber by the barn? I want you to build me a fence, eight feet tall—I don't want to see his place or his face anymore."

The carpenter said, "I think I understand the situation. Show me the nails and the post-hole digger, and I'll be able to do a job that pleases you."

The older brother had to go to town, so he helped the carpenter get the materials ready and then he was off for the day. The carpenter worked hard all that day—measuring, sawing, and nailing. About sunset when the farmer returned, the carpenter had just finished his job. The farmer's eyes opened wide; his jaw dropped. There was no fence there at all. It was a bridge—a bridge that stretched from one side of the creek to the other! A fine piece of work, handrails and all!

And the neighbor, his younger brother, was coming toward them, his hand outstretched. "You are quite a fellow to build this bridge, after all I've said and done." The two brothers stood at each end of the bridge, and then they met in middle, taking each other's hand. They turned to see the carpenter hoist his toolbox onto his shoulder. "No, wait! Stay a few days. I've a lot of other projects for you," said the older brother.



"I'd love to stay on," the carpenter said, "but I have many more bridges to build."

Remember this: God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but He'll ask how many people you helped get where they needed to go. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home. God won't ask how many friends you had, but He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but He'll ask about the content of your character. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek salvation, but He'll lovingly take you with Him to your eternal home.

- Author Unknown

## Gospel of Luke

Bible Class

Led by Trent Herbert

### Discussion Questions

This week we will still be in Chapter 4. We spent time talking about the temptation of Jesus and the example that this text is to our lives. We will be looking at Jesus return to His home town of Nazareth this coming week. I encourage you to join us for a robust discussion about His return and acceptance.

Study Questions Chapter 5

1. Who are the main characters in chapter 5. Where does it take place?
2. Why did Jesus choose fishermen to be His followers?
3. What was significant about Peter's response in verse 5?
4. Why did Jesus reach out and touch the man with Leprosy? Significance?
5. What is leprosy? What did it mean to the one who had it?
6. Compare the healing of the paralytic in chapter 5 to Marks account (chapter 2). What was Jesus claiming by healing the man?
7. Would you have chosen the same people that Jesus chose to be His disciples? Why/why not?
8. Why were the Pharisees and scribes grumbling in verse 30?
9. Explain Jesus' response to them.
10. Explain the parable of the wine skin.

Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Call Laura Fry or  
360-876-2604  
for Zoom Meeting ID

## Our Prayer List

*Dorothy Fletcher's children will be having an open house at Dorothy's duplex on Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 11:00am until 4:00pm. They want to give away furniture and kitchen stuff that her family has no need of and would rather give them to church members who could use them.*

- From Sandi Warner: Please pray for complete healing and peace and comfort. Same illness as in October, November and December. Little relief from antibiotics two times... Today went from Urgent Care to St. Anthony's Hospital. Prayers please for myself with healing, and for Greg too... - Sandi Warner
- Just a reminder for those wishing to send Runell Mason a card her 100th birthday is the 16th.
- Tammy White is requesting prayers for her friend, Maria who just found out she has stage 4 pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to her liver.
- We found out one more of our members tested positive for Covid-19 [January 8<sup>th</sup>]. That member did attend worship on the 27th of December and the 3rd of January, they followed all protocol and wore a mask as required. They believe they acquired the infection outside of church functions. They are doing well, only cold type symptoms and are remaining in quarantine as they recover. Please if you have any symptoms contact your physician for advice regarding testing. We will continue to keep you informed. As required we have reported to the health department the second confirmed case and they will follow up as needed.
- Ray Switzer asked for prayers for Connie, who fell last September and broke her pelvis (not her hip as was first announced) in 3 places. She is doing better but needs our prayers.
- Sunshine, from the Warming Center, is having her hip replacement surgery at St Anthony's on January 22nd. Pray for her and the medical staff that everything goes well and she has a smooth recovery.

- Please lift Roger Taylor's sister up as she is now hospitalized with Covid and not expected to pull through. They also believe the infection she had before (which we prayed about) is back. Also, their neighbor Sue Newman has thyroid cancer and Karen has been helping her out.
- Continue to pray for Rosalie Palmer and her family as they grieve over the loss of Chuck. Her grandson Cutter, who is just 15 has been diagnosed with Covid-19.
- Karen Taylor is requesting prayers for Paul Fisher who learned he has lost his hearing totally.
- Tammy White met with the neurosurgeon. It is not an aneurysm. The surgeon stated that it was anywhere from a cyst to a brain tumor. She will have a test on the 31st and then will be tested every 6 months to monitor it. If she gets any more symptoms, she is to advise him. Prayers requested for it to be nothing invasive or life threatening.
- Pray for Bonnie's grandson Chris, his son Levi and his girlfriend who have chosen to separate. Lilly has moved back to live with her parents in Puyallup. Chris will have Levi on his days off and right now other visits are open. This is an amicable situation and may not be permanent. Please pray for God's leading them to His will.
- Pray for Charlotte Hahn's son Lou Harrison, he has a cancer diagnosis and needs healing prayers.
- Continue to pray for Jessica Zepf's health and more testing.
- Continue to pray for Daniel, and Lisa as she cares for him.
- Pray for Trent and those who are involved in the Zoom study of the Gospel of Luke on Sunday evenings.
- Pray for all of those who are affected by Covid-19; either themselves or loved one.
- Pray for our nation and all our leaders worldwide to help bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.

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## Sunday Worship

There will be no “in-person” worship on

January 17th

Watch live stream

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ)

## Happy Birthday!

### January:

Karen Taylor – 18, Caleb Smith – 23, Forest Gerard – 24,  
Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30

### February:

Israel Cormier – 2, Virginia Chapman – 2, Tammy Avery – 5,  
Laura Gerard – 7, Christopher Hill – 7, Carla Duffy – 8, Melvin  
Byrd – 9, Terri Wallon (Hall) – 9, Zari Keagle – 9, DeLoris Lawler  
– 9, Ken Avery – 10, Jennifer Delay – 14, Katrina Coley – 15,  
Rachel Karn – 18, Zari Cormier – 19, Jason Hall – 20



*Runell Mason!*

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**Note: Be sure to check the bulletin each week for Sunday morning assignments**

The Ladies Prayer Group meets online using the Zoom app. The meeting starts at 10:00am on Tuesdays. If you would like to participate, contact Laura Fry for login information.

### Warming Center

Along with baked goods, clothes are needed; coats, socks, heavy shirts. I even had a guy ask me for a belt. (I took him an extra one I had); Clothing that will help keep them warm in the winter. God Bless each one.

Please bring with you on Sunday morning, or Jim will pick them up and deliver them. - Jim & Cindy Snead

## Tithes and Offerings

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, but not able to pass the offering plate, there is a tithe box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 2) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

### Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ  
4135 Carr Lane SE  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

January 10, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$ 1,200.00

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104