

## IN TODAY'S SERVICE

If you're a visitor, we want you to feel welcome and know that you can come as you are to grow in Christ. Here are some of the elements of today's Elevation service. Please take a moment to read about each one.

### PRAYER

After the message, there will be prayer counselors in the back "Prayer Booth" to pray for any situation you may have. The world is not a perfect place, and we all have struggles. Make your requests known, and let someone pray with you this morning.

### COMMUNION

Communion will be available at the stations this morning. We want you to take communion looking to the hope we have in God's comfort as a result of our salvation through Jesus Christ. Remember His death through the bread and the cup.

### GIVING

Each week we will pass an offering bag to every seat; offering buckets will also be available at the table stations. Please take time after the teaching to prayerfully bring your gift in worship to God.

### FAMILY BUSINESS

- **Next Month Missions Conference** March 4th One Service Sunday ~ March 11th Celebration/Elevation Missions Services
- **Wednesday Night Class** Sharing Jesus Without Fear 7 pm in the Worship Center
- **Summer Sign-up's Today** Sign you kid(s) up for all the summer activities Children's & Student's ~ lunch @ 12:30 and all proceeds go to Kenya Missions Team.
  - **College Table** Every 3rd Sunday in Fireside @ 12:30 - \$5
  - **Weekend To Remember** Conference for married couples pick up a flier for more information

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## Elevation

Lifting Sacred Worship to the Risen Savior  
10:45 am ~ Calvary Church  
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*Bridge Building Stories*

ELEVATION

Pastor Eric Wakeling

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## **How to Build a Bridge: Four Not So Easy Steps**

Mark 1:40-45

Last week we learned that we must "be in the world" to build bridges. This week we will discover four steps to building bridges into the community as modeled by Jesus. These steps look easy on paper, but are much more difficult to live out. Start evaluating your heart and mind right now when it comes to: 1. Seeing people. 2. Being filled with compassion for people. 3. Touching people. 4. Proclaiming Christ to people.

### I. Introduction

- Mission (What?)
- Motivation (Why?)
- Means (How?)
- First way how – Crush the Calvary Capsule
- Second way how – Jesus' Four Not So Easy Steps

## II. Jesus Saw the Leper Mark 1:40

- Jesus saw and acknowledged people in any condition
- How do we see or not see people?

## III. Jesus was Moved with Compassion Mark 1:41

- Literal translation – “moved in His entrails”

- Christ’s Constant Compassion  
Matthew 23:23

Matthew 9:36

Matthew 14:14

Matthew 15:32

Matthew 18:27

Matthew 20:34

Luke 7:13

Matthew 9:13

- Two main difficulties when it comes to compassion  
A Pharisaical heart – Luke 18:9-14

A lack of natural inclination

- Where is your heart when it comes to compassion?

## IV. Jesus was Willing to Touch Mark 1:41-42

- Who are we unwilling to touch?
- What does it mean to touch people?

## V. The leper couldn’t stop himself from telling everyone about Jesus Mark 1:43-45

- Jesus’ unique effect on people was highly attractive
- What is our role in this part?  
To be like Jesus?  
To be like the leper?  
Somewhere in between?

### Response to the Message

There will be photographs of people available at the stations for you to take home with you. Please choose one that represents the “leper” in your life – The person that is difficult for you to be with or to share Christ with. Then take time to name a person or type of person that this picture represents. Then put this picture in a frame in your house to remind you to pray for them.

### This Week’s Memory Verse

Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’

Mark 1:41

Join us Next Week for Missions Sunday - One Service 9:30 am