#### The Power of Family #SermonFamily The Power of Community Part 3 Pastor Mark Jackson - March 18, 2018

#### I Want To Build A Relational Bridge To: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proverbs 24:3** It takes wisdom to have a **good family**, and it takes understanding to **make it strong**. (NCV)

## How To Have Stronger Family Relationships

## 1. MAKE RELATIONSHIPS YOUR PRIORITY

**Matthew 22:37-39** ...<u>Love the Lord your God</u> with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the first and most important command. <sup>39</sup> And the second command is like the first: <u>Love your neighbor</u> as you love yourself. (NCV)

## Three Ways To Prioritize

- You Must PLAN
- You Must <u>SCHEDULE</u>
- You Must DO

**1 John 3:18** Our love should <u>not be only words and talk</u>... we should <u>show that love</u> <u>by what we do</u>. (ICB)

## 2. PAY ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE THINGS

**Song of Solomon 2:15** Catch the foxes, <u>the little foxes</u>, before they ruin our vineyard in bloom. (TEV)

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5** Love is <u>patient</u> and <u>kind</u>. Love is <u>not jealous</u>, it does <u>not brag</u>, and it is <u>not proud</u>. <sup>5</sup>Love is <u>not rude</u>, is <u>not selfish</u>, and does <u>not become angry</u> easily. Love does <u>not remember wrongs</u> done against it. (ICB)

1 Peter 3:1b ...Your godly lives will speak to them better than any words. (LB)

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

## 3. NEVER <u>GIVE UP HOPE</u>

**1 Corinthians 13:7** Love <u>never gives up</u>, never loses faith, is <u>always hopeful</u>, and <u>endures</u> through every circumstance. (NLT)

**Luke 18:1** Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and <u>never lose hope</u>. (NCV)

**Galatians 6:9** And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we <u>don't get discouraged and give up</u>. (TLB)

# 4. TURN <u>TO GOD FOR HELP</u>

**Psalm 101:2** I will try to walk a blameless path, but how <u>I need your help</u>, <u>especially</u> <u>in my own home</u>, where I long to act as I should. (LB)

1 John 4:19 We love each other as a result of his loving us first. (NLT)

Ephesians 5:2a Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of <u>Christ</u>, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins. (NLT)