

**Review:**

- Why a bridge is needed / We are the bridge / The bridge builder
- Who needs a bridge? Lost people, disconnected believers, and hurting Christians.
- A bridge-builder is one who has made a commitment to understand people with different backgrounds and beliefs in order to make Christianity relevant to these people.
  - There are many types of bridges
  - The principles of what they need and how they work remain the same
- Colossians 4:5-6 NLT *“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”*

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## A. Clear, Persuasive, and Faithful

## 1. Be Clear

- Relationship with Jesus is the ANSWER
- If you don't know, say so. I.e. “I have never thought about this, I want to know what you believe and why you believe it. Let me think about it”

## 2. Create desire for what you have



## 3. Faithful to the Word

- I live faithful, I communicate faithfully.
- Solve the first problem first.
- Trust God to do His part

## B. Seize the opportunities.

1. *“I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one.” ~ Mark Twain*

- Make the most of opportunity
- Create opportunities
- You don't know if you are their last opportunity.

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A. Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV) *“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”*

1. People like nice people
2. Being nice is persuasive
3. Being nice is expected

B. 1 Peter 3: 5-16 *“Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a*

gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ."

C. 2 Tim 2:24 "A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people."



- A. People want to feel unique and special
- B. Part of the power of the gospel is that it is personal
- C. **Keep the principles and build effective bridges**