

The Gospel of Luke: Building Bridges of Love (13:1-21)

1. We are Living on Borrowed Time (vs.1-9)

- A. Death can come at any moment on the _____ or the wicked (*Rom6:23a; Ja4:14*)
1. Calamity 1: Pilate's slaughter = intentional murder; shooting in grocery store in AR this wk
 2. Calamity 2: Tower of Siloam = accidental; car wreck, earthquake, bridge collapse etc.
 3. The covid pandemic did not distinguish between the righteous or wicked, life is short for all!
- B. Jesus teaches all calamities are _____ to all people that there is a day of reckoning **12:5, 20, 46*
1. Were they worse sinners because they died? No, unless you repent you will perish!
 2. **What is the goal of warning/confronting someone?** _____ **2Cor5:18-20*
 3. God's patience will end! The silver thread of our life will snap, we must be ready!
**Lk13:6-9; Is55:6-7, and for believers... Eph5:14-17; Jn9:3,4*

2. Building Bridges of Love (vs.10-17)

- A. Jesus built bridges of love to _____ the captives
1. Bridges are vital for supplies in wars and in communities; AND, to supply the gospel!
 2. **Examples from Jesus:** He *heals* this woman; became poor and common; healed sick, blind; cast out demons; *fed* the hungry; *went* to Zaccheus' home, Matthew's house party; He showed kindness and compassion to the outcasts; touched the leper – *Always kindness, love, mercy!!!*
 3. What was the purpose? _____
**Luke4:18, 40-43; 5:31,32; Matt9:2-7*
 4. Notice woman *Lk13:11-16* – bondage by Satan, Jesus freed her, she was saved!
- B. The religious don't care about _____, lost being born-again, new creations in Christ (*Lk13:14*)
1. Care more about their pets than someone being born-again (*13:14; then 1Jn4:7-8; 3:18*)
 2. Love is not condoning evil, nor watching one destroy themselves and their eternity!

3. WHY Build Bridges of Love? Gospel Love Cannot Be Contained (vs.18-21)

- A. The _____ power of the kingdom – the mustard seed; smallest seed garden/crops = 8ft h x 15ftw
1. Jesus, plus a few fishermen, tax collectors and thug = now largest religion by name in world!
 2. Birds nest in branches; would bless those outside, the lost = hospitals, saving refugees of war
**William Wilberforce* attacked England's slave trade, impacted U.S. too!
**Who is first and most in on Tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquake in Turkey? Christians!*
- B. The _____/Hidden Power of the Kingdom – leaven in 3 pecks/50lbs of flour; permeates, expands!
1. 3 pecks of flour = the world; leaven = God's Kingdom; not seen but expands! (*1Jn3:1*)
 2. Stats: 95% of world's pop. has at least part of Bible; 90% of all tribes have had opportunity for the gospel; over 1000 new churches planted each week around the world
**Ethiopia has around 35mil Christians; 50mil + in China; Cuba has 50 Christian denominations operating there; and even spreading in Muslim countries!*
- C. The Gospel and God's Love Cannot Be _____!
1. God's Kingdom will reign over all the earth! **Ps2:1-12; Micah4:1-5*
 2. So build bridges of love to bring the gospel into the hearts of all nations, for all are living on borrowed time and the day of reckoning draws near to every person!
 3. Where do we start? Make the priority of your life to love Jesus with all your being!
**Follow Christ and He will make you a _____ of _____!*