

FAMILY MATTERS

BUILDING BRIDGES

1. Our assignment is to _____, not to _____.

John 4:1-26 - The Samaritan Woman

- Focusing on connection builds _____.
- Trying to control builds _____.

Are you more concerned with changing their behavior, or protecting your bond?

2. Prioritize your _____
over _____.

John 21:15-19 - The Restoration of Peter

- In tough conversations, create the atmosphere of a _____, not a _____.

What is the cost of me winning the argument or proving my point?



3. Fight with _____, not _____.

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. **But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail.**” Luke 22:31-32a*

- Your _____ can’t penetrate what your _____ can.

*This happened because Abraham believed in the God **who brings the dead back to life** and **who creates new things out of nothing.** Romans 4:17b*

- Persistent prayer brings _____;
persistent pressure brings _____.

Do I spend more time talking to them about the problem or talking to God about them?

4. Practice the _____ of _____.

Matthew 28:18-20

- Jesus _____ them and _____ them into their own calling.
- Jesus relates to us with an _____, not a _____.

Am I clutching this relationship because I love them or because I’m afraid of what will happen if I’m not in charge?

CALL TO ACTION

Identify one step this week to strengthen your relationship:

- A call
- A word of encouragement
- A meal
- An apology