

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: The Elephant in the Family Room
Message: On the Same Wavelength
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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For those who have accepted Jesus as their savior and leader, it takes love to effectively communicate and connect with others. First, a motivating love for God that recognizes that He has shown the greatest love ever by pursuing us at our worst. And second, a love for others that wants the very best for them.

Think about the people in your family (nuclear and extended) and also your neighborhood, work, school and community. How do you approach these different groups and what attitudes do you carry and convey?

Do you think most that know you would say you are an effective communicator (see definition in notes)?

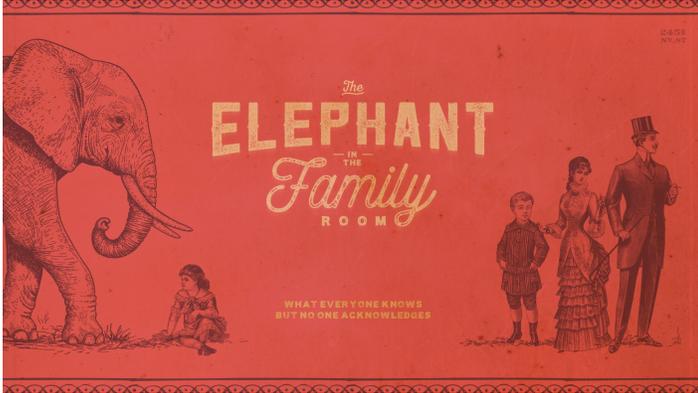
How do you think God would assess your effectiveness, especially in light of His interests?

Now read the following from 1 Corinthians. As you begin, ask God to help you see yourself clearly, and to show you where you are doing well and where you specifically need to improve.

¹ If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³ If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NLT)

MESSAGE NOTES



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³ A house is built by wisdom and becomes strong through good sense. ⁴ Through knowledge its rooms are filled with all sorts of precious riches and valuables.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (NLT)

To have any chance of really addressing problems, someone in the family needs to set the pace in effective communication. Followers of Jesus have been given the responsibility and resources to accomplish it.

communication (def): understanding and being understood

Three things that are necessary for effective communication:

1. Effective communication requires genuine interest.

³ Don't be selfish...be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. ⁴ Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. ⁶ Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. ⁷ He made himself nothing.

Philippians 2:3-7 (NLT)

³⁴ Jesus said, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:34-35 NLT

Jesus tells us that love is a choice and not an instinct or emotion.

2. Effective communication also requires skill.

Five Levels of Communication

(From *Why Am I Afraid To Tell You Who I AM?*)

1. Clichés
2. Facts
3. Opinions
4. Feelings
5. Needs

At each level, we will face increased risk and potential reward.

²² But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

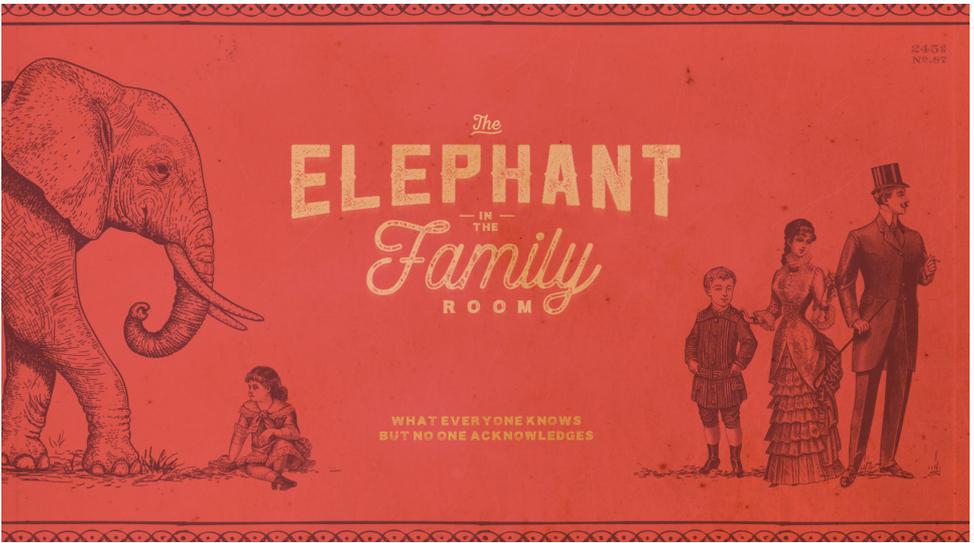
3. Effective communication requires on-going practice.

²² And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. ²³ If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself...²⁴ if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:22-25 NLT

²⁴ Jesus said, "Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵ Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. ²⁶ But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷ When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash.

Matthew 7:24-27 NLT



Every family's got em. Those things that everyone knows about, but no one talks about. We all have a family issue (or two...or seven) that tends to make a mess of things. It's like there's this giant elephant in the family room that nobody wants to acknowledge. Is this just the way things are or is there something better? ***This week: On the Same Wavelength***

FIRST TIME GUESTS We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. **We're glad you are here!**

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
YOU JOINED
US TODAY!**

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We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if God even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back, and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**

The New Hope Livestream Team Needs Your Help!

We're trying our best to keep up with the ever-changing pace of technology - especially when it comes to helping people become fully devoted followers of Jesus. While word of mouth and a personal invitation are always the best endorsement, we're learning the number one way people give new churches a try is by watching a service online. It's also crucial for people who aren't able to attend on a given weekend due to illness, travel, job demands, etc. That means we really need to rethink how we do things. We want people to feel as welcome and loved online as they do when they walk through our front doors.



"Offering [online] church is an incredible way to demonstrate you understand the complexity of people's lives and want to do everything you can to keep your ministry present and relevant every day."

One of our newest volunteer positions is called "Online Host," which is someone who will greet viewers, share information about New Hope, and use provided materials to help encourage conversation and answer questions. The best part is you can log in from anywhere to serve here! We will have a training session in the next few weeks to help explain all of this further. If you're interested in joining the team or learning more, please email worship@newhope.org.

#MADENEW

**It's not too late to join us for our Baptism Celebration
on Saturday, June 15th at 2:00**

If you have never been baptized, this might be the perfect time. If you've been hesitant before because of the video taping of your story (not required!) or feel unsure about getting baptized in front of a crowd, please reconsider your decision. **You can still join us, even if you missed the Baptism Information Meetings last weekend. Please let us know at baptism@newhope.org.**

There's no **TAKEOVER** on Sunday!
Happy Memorial Day!!

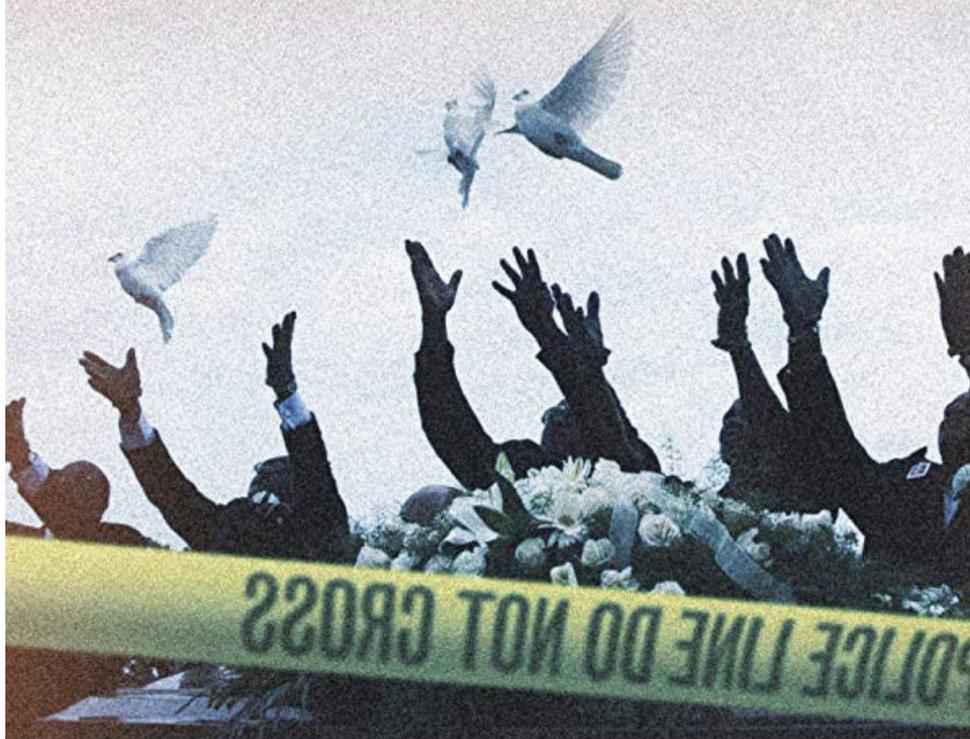
EMANUEL

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE VICTIMS AND
SURVIVORS OF THE CHARLESTON CHURCH SHOOTING

National headlines blazed the story: Churchgoers Gunned Down During Prayer Service in Charleston, South Carolina. After a 21-year-old white supremacist opened fire in Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, nine African Americans lay dead, leaving their families and the nation to grapple with this senseless act of terror.

Featuring intimate interviews with survivors and family members, EMANUEL—from executive producers Stephen Curry and Viola Davis—is a poignant story of justice and faith, love and hate, examining the healing power of forgiveness. Marking the fourth anniversary, EMANUEL will be in movie theaters across the country for two nights only: June 17 and 19.

JOIN WITH ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW HOPE CHURCH AND TRURO ANGLICAN CHURCH FOR AN ADVANCE SCREENING OF EMANUEL ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 AT 7 PM AT ONE OF TWO THEATERS IN FAIRFAX. VISIT EMANUELPREVIEW.COM TO GET YOUR TICKETS.



We ♥ Our Volunteers

We are so thankful for our volunteers. This week, we'd like to give a shout out to **Angela Goldkopf and her daughter, Emma**, who both serve on our Sprouts team. Angela and Emma came on the Kids' Time schedule last fall and have been serving faithfully ever since. In addition, Angela has also been a vital part of our Medical team, serving for the last two and a half years. Emma recently started singing on the Takeover Worship team. **Thank you both so much - we appreciate all you do!** If you are interested in serving in our Family Ministry or have a medical background, we're in search of new volunteers in these areas. Please send an email to carolann.gregoire@newhope.org.

MISSION MUFFINS

Mission Muffins, part of Central Union Mission's Ready2Cook program, is here this **Sunday**. When you purchase their delicious baked goods, you are helping equip a homeless or unemployed individual return to society. Visit the table in the front lobby before or after the service. But don't wait too long - they sell out quickly!

Who knew doing good could taste so good?

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