

Bay City Wesleyan Church
December 3, 2017

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Sunday Morning 11-26-2017 (2)

Our Challenge for 2017 is to regularly ask Jesus, "Am I following you?"

When was the last time you asked?

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Sunday, December 24 at 10:45 AM - 11:59 AM

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FREE Tickets for Christmas by the Bay

Enjoy the sights, songs, and smells of Christmas. Hear the story like it's the very first time. Cookies, coffee, and hot cocoa to share afterwards. Bring your family to a Christmas Eve experience you'll all enjoy and have the rest of the day to celebrate together. Perhaps you'll start a new tradition. Get your FREE tickets now.

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Our advent sermon series

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"A Simple Christmas" is a 4-week series encouraging us to keep Christmas simple by focusing on God's peace, joy, love, and our response of faith in Jesus. The series concludes with the message at Christmas by the Bay.

Who do you know that needs simple faith in Jesus? Invite them. Better yet, bring them, so simple faith transforms their lives.

During this season of Advent and Christmas, weâ€™re asking, â€œHow can we enjoy a simple Christmas? How can we experience simple love, simple joy, simple peace, and simple faith?â€

Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

Therefore, as Godâ€™s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/col.3.12-14.NIV>

1 John 4:9-10 NIV

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/1jn.4.9-10.NIV>

Sermon in a Sentence:

Loved people love people; forgiven people forgive people.

When you follow Jesus, your life is stamped by simple love. But itâ€™s not merely a nice, live and let live kind of love. The love your life is stamped by loves those who are helpful, and those who are unhelpful. Simple love calls you to put up with those who let you down as Jesus puts up with you. Simple love calls you to forgive those who hurt you as Jesus forgives you.

Simple love is remarkably satisfying.

Simple love is ridiculously challenging.

Simple love is resolutely unbending.

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Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/gal.5.22-23.NIV>

If we forgive as Jesus forgives us, we will experience simple love flowing through us.

If we forgive as Jesus forgives us, we will possess and spread the simple love only Jesus offers.