

Bridging the Gap Between Generations

Living and loving Heavenly Father, we thank you, oh Lord, for giving us this day and bringing all of us together in Your name. We thank You and praise You. If You are here today, it is because of Your mercy, grace, and love, oh Lord. As I am going to speak today about Your Word, what You have put in my heart, lead me, and guide me, oh Lord. I submit myself into Your hands. Help us to listen to Your sweet little voice oh Lord. Open our ears and senses, oh Lord, to respond to You. I commit myself and this time into Your hands. Lead me and guide me. Use me as Your trumpet, oh Lord, not my wisdom and knowledge, but Your wisdom and knowledge. May You come out today, oh Lord. Use me, guide me, lead me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Before I start sharing anything, everyone scan the room a little bit. We have diversified age groups here. We have boomers, Generation X, Millennials, Generation Z's, and Generation Alpha's, we have every one of them. Keep that in mind when I am speaking today. Think about different age groups and how this word applies to you. Pray that God will speak to you whatever age group you are in.

Separation Between Man and God

So let me start from the beginning. Because of sin there has been a separation that happened in Genesis between man and God. There must be unity; man must be in the presence of the Lord all the time. But because of sin, there has been a separation, a gap or breach that occurred between the Lord and human beings after the creation. But that gap or breach was not forever because Jesus Christ came upon this earth and gave Himself for us. God sent His own Son and sacrificed Him to fill that gap, and to remove that separation between man and God.

It states in I Timothy 2:5-6: "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

He gave Jesus Christ as a ransom for all. He is the Mediator between God and man. If you do not know that, this is your chance. God is speaking with you today. He is the Mediator; He gave himself for you to remove your sins, to save you from God's wrath, to save you from God's judgment. So, this is your calling today. God is asking you to accept Him.

Before I explain anything, that separation has been removed. There is no separation now. You can come into God's presence because of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is your calling today, and you need to accept it, if God is speaking with you. Now there is no separation. Satan failed in his work or in its work, whatever it is. What Satan wants to do now is separate man and man because he failed to separate man and God. So, what Satan will try next is to separate man and man; he wants to separate generation and generation.

There is a gap that is being formed between generations. People are not talking with each other, people are not communing with each other, and there is no fellowship between the generations. Even without knowing it, without people realizing it, that gap has been forming between people—man and man, generation and generation. Over the course of time, a gap between the generations has formed, and people do not have a clue about it. It happened in

the Old Testament, it happened in the New Testament, and it is happening right now in our day-to-day life. We will see a couple of references where this has happened, and we will draw some similarities and apply them to the current time.

The Time of Judges – A Generation Knew Not the Lord

In Judges 2:10 it says: "And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers, and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD nor yet the works which he had done for Israel."

What is the Word of the Lord saying here? There arose another generation after them who knew not the Lord. So, how is this gap shaping the people? They did not recognize the Lord; "They knew not the LORD." People did not know the Lord anymore. Yet all the works which He had done for Israel, all the great miracles that he had done for Israel, the new generations did not understand. That is the case in Judges 2:10.

The Time of Ezekiel –A Generation Followed Idols

In Ezekiel chapters 14-22 the Lord spoke with Ezekiel, stating the condition of Israel at that time, how they were following idols, how they left the Lord and followed the idols; it was about idolatry. So, like in Judges chapter 2, in Ezekiel also, Israel was in the same condition. They knew not the Lord; they were following other gods, and they were failing in not coming to the Lord. Israel was in a similar situation, and God's judgment was inevitable. That is what God said in Ezekiel 22:30.

Ezekiel 22:30-31: "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD."

God poured out his indignation and consumed them with the fire of His wrath. Israel was in the same situation in Ezekiel as they were in Judges, and God's judgment was inevitable for them. Why? Because in verse 30, God sought for a man who could make a hedge and stand in the gap. In the ESV it says, "Who can build the wall, who can save Israel." But God found none. There was no man who could stand in between Israel and God and help Israel to come out of the judgment. That was the case in Ezekiel 22.

Why was God Looking for Someone to Fill that Gap?

Now, why is God looking? You can come and ask me, or you can come and ask God. Okay, God sent his Son Jesus Christ to stand between or to fill the gap or to be the Mediator. But now you can ask me, "Why was God seeking for someone else to stand between Him and Israel? Could He not come Himself and help them?" Let us see what God was saying there at that point. Why was God looking or searching for people who would stand in the breach and build the hedge? Could He not come by Himself and stand in the breach? Why was He looking for someone else?

He sent Christ to fill the gap between man and God, but He is also looking for other human beings to save human beings or to save Israel from the wrath. In I Peter 2:9 we will find the answer there. Why did God not come by Himself, and why is God looking for people who want to stand and build the bridge?

I Peter 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:"

You are the chosen generation. That is why God is looking for you. You are the one holy chosen generation. You should stand in the breach and construct the wall. You need to bridge that gap between God and the human being.

One of the renowned speakers said, "The Spirit comes down vertically, but the truth of God is imparted horizontally." God will send His Spirit down vertically to have that communion with you; He can commune with you. But the truth must be imparted horizontally. From generation to generation it must pass, and the truth must be taught to your children, to your grandchildren, to the young. It cannot just happen. If God wanted that, He could have done that, but He is looking for us to do it for Him. He is looking for someone who can stand there and bridge that gap.

The truth of God must be imparted from man to man, generation to generation. That is the commandment of the Lord, even in the Old Testament. In Deuteronomy God said, "You need to write down the word of God on your doorposts, and you need to let your children know what I have done for you." That is the responsibility of every single person, no matter if you belong to an older generation or a younger generation. In I Peter 2:9 he is not saying, "Okay, one holy Boomer generation, one holy Millennial generation." No! He is saying, "You are all one holy chosen generation; everyone is together." That unity should be there. It is our responsibility to stand in that gap and pass on the truth to further generations. So, there is the need to close the gap between generations. So that whoever comes afterward will not perish in God's wrath, but He wants us as one, holy, united generation. He wants us to help each other and lift each other up spiritually. We need to encourage each other.

Manifestation of Self Centered Lives

But there is a challenge; there is always a challenge. Satan will not sit silent. If God wants something from us, there is always a challenge. What is the challenge? As the generations are getting younger and younger, and the people who follow God are getting older and older, there is a challenge in the world today.

II Timothy 3:1-5a: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

Sound familiar? I am not just pointing out the younger generation; we all can be in that position. We all care for the life that we are in, for the fleshly things that we see. We desire things, we get angry, and we can showcase all these qualities without even knowing it. No matter how much we try to get away from these types of qualities, we cannot because that is the temptation that we have from Satan.

But the challenge is this: we have these kind of characteristics imparted in us, but God wants to break them. "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." That is what I want to point out in these few verses. We are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. We should not be like that. So that is the challenge that we have today in the younger generation as well as the older generation, and we can see this. Because of this, no matter which group you belong in, you should try to build a bridge between the generations. I can build the bridge between me and Ryan, or me and Vineel. Betty Ann can build a bridge between me and Betty Ann, or me and Beulah, or whatever it is. No matter which generation you belong in, there is this responsibility for you to bridge that gap.

So let us look at this issue now. What we have seen is that there has been a gap between man and God, but that separation has been taken away by Jesus Christ. However, Satan is trying to create that generational gap which is a challenge, and we all are part of that challenge. So now we will look at this challenge from two perspectives: an older people's perspective, and from the perspective of the younger generation. I can be older than Ryan, and some other brothers can be older than me. So, from these two perspectives, we will see the challenges. What are the particular things or problems that we see regularly when we apply these challenges to ourselves?

Older Generation's Perspectives

First, we will look from the older generation's perspective. The problem here is that the older generation always look down on the younger generation. "Oh, in my days, it was not like that." "Oh, when I was with my parents in my home, they gave me left and right." "I am not even doing that to you." In some way or other, we try to look down on the younger generation, and we will fail to understand from which point of perspective they are coming from. We will fail to understand the challenges that they are facing in this world. We are not in the same situation they are in. The world has developed; there are so many things happening around them. So, the thing we fail at or the most important challenge that the older generation faces is not looking at the younger generation from their perspective. That is the first challenge.

The second challenge is that elders should not pamper the young people. If they are making mistakes, you should condemn them. You should tell them that they are doing wrong. "If I tell them that they are doing wrong, they might not speak with me, they might not like me." This is especially true with grandchildren. My grandfather pampered me a lot, more than my parents. So that is why I like my grandfather, right? So it is not only the grandfather and grandchildren, but any younger brothers or elder brothers, everywhere. If they are doing something wrong, we need to point it out. That is one of the important challenges. Even without knowing it, we will pamper the younger kids sometimes; right? We need to be responsible to teach them what is right and what is wrong.

Younger Generation's Perspective

We will look at a few challenges from the younger generation's perspective. I do not know how it was in the 1980's or the 1990's, but in the 2000's, the younger generation want to speak. They want to point out their perspective, no matter what platform they are on. They do not even want to listen sometimes. They do not want to listen to the elders. They just want to put out what they know, what they have learned. They just want to showcase, to show the world that they know so much. They come from that kind of perspective. That is one of the major challenges.

We should not be know-it-all people: "I know everything." And that is the temptation. I am not criticizing young people. Yes, we know because of the information that we are getting. With all the knowledge that we have right now in our hands, we might know. But we need to be patient to listen to the older generation. There is no patience to listen. We always want to express our thoughts and speak. We want to show the world about the understanding that we have and there is no humility sometimes.

Sometimes there is false humility as well. "Oh, I am not experienced to speak about the Lord to those people. I do not have that much experience to speak about the Lord. I am not good myself; how can I speak to others?" There is false humility as well. There are two sides to a coin, right? There is that challenge as well.

So, the younger generation must remember that we need to be patient sometimes and open up. Sometimes, because of this false humility or because of not opening up and sharing our thoughts, we also fall into the trap of not addressing things if there is anything wrong happening in front of them. Maybe an elder person is doing something wrong. You have the authority to point that out, but that should happen prayerfully. If you address that problem prayerfully, then from that experience leaders will be born. That is how the next generation will get trained. To know and understand all these things, we need to come to the Lord first. The younger generation must have patience and accountability for what they are doing. They need to listen to the older people, have patience, and address some of the issues that you see in your day-to-day life. We need to have that accountability, right?

The Bible Teaches Us What to Do

So, we have seen the challenges, and now we will see what the Bible is telling us, what are the responsibilities. We see that there are definitely gaps between the generations, and there is a need to understand all these challenges. So what is the Bible teaching us to do, especially when it comes to the body of Christ? I am not speaking about the outside world, but as a body of Christ we will address the challenges here. Then we can go outside and think about, "Okay, they are doing something wrong; we can take care of all these things."

First, we are to come together because people are going away from the Lord. That is the challenge in Judges and in Ezekiel. Now, the same challenges are arising. So, let us come as a body of Christ and see what the Bible is teaching us with these challenges between the older generations and the younger generations.

In the Epistle of Paul to Titus, chapter 2:1-8, we will touch upon a few things that the Lord has put in my heart.

Titus 2:1-8: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

I do not need to explain, for they are self-explanatory. But I will share a few thoughts on these verses. With these challenges from two perspectives, what should we do? How can we make sure that we work towards constructing the bridge between the generations as a church, as a body of Christ?

Sound Doctrine – Jesus Christ is the Center

The first thing that we need is in verse 1, which is sound doctrine. We need to understand that Jesus Christ is the center no matter how old you are, no matter how young you are. No matter how much you know, it does not matter. Jesus Christ is the center. Anything that you do revolves around Him, anything that you do comes through Him, anything that you pray it goes to the Father through Him. You are saved because of Him. No matter what you know, you should not be under the false impression that you have that knowledge by yourself. The self in you must die, and Jesus Christ must prevail. So that is the sound doctrine that we need to remember. We have the privilege to have that sound doctrine among us. I am not saying that it is not there. We have that privilege, and I praise God for that. But everywhere we go, any type of challenge we face, we need to remember that it is through Jesus Christ we can overcome that challenge in our lives. That is the most important thing.

Now in verses 2-8 there are responsibilities for aged men, aged women, young men, and young women. Paul has constructed these eight verses well and is addressing all the generations at once.

Responsibilities For Different Age Groups

As we consider the responsibilities of older men, all these things are the expressions that can teach young people the things that are in verse two which is sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, as well as in patience. That is what we see, right? The older generation must have patience, and they do most of the time, unlike the younger generations. But Paul emphasizes that they need to be reverent. We need to examine ourselves who are older and are trying to teach the younger generation. Do we have all these qualities in us? That is the examination we need to have whenever we are getting ready to teach the younger generation.

Now coming to the responsibilities of aged women found in verse three, they likewise are to live in behavior that becometh holiness and not false accusers, not given to too much wine, teachers of good things. That will help the younger women. I am not going to explain each point, but you can examine them for yourselves. The only question I want to ask is: "Are you confident that your example is motivating younger women who are believers to live in a way that honors God?" That is the question I want to ask, and I will leave it there with the older men and older women.

In verses 4-5 we find the responsibilities of younger women are "to be sober, to love their husbands, love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

This word is not saying that you need to sit at home and just serve your family, you can work. It is saying that we need to take care of the home first. There might be different ideologies, different perspectives, but the Word of God is saying that; I am not saying it.

Younger women have the responsibility, first of all, to learn from the older women and understand the importance of taking care of your family, your kids, and your younger generation. You may be a grandmother, you may be a mother, you may be a recently married woman, whatever it is, it is your responsibility to take care of your family and obey the Word of God. You need to take care that the Word of God is living in your family, that you can showcase to the outside world that your family follows the Lord Himself.

Responsibilities of Younger Men

Now coming to the responsibilities of younger men, from verses 7-8: "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you."

I just want to concentrate on verse 8 in the second part, "that cannot be condemned." Younger men need to speak, but we need to make sure that it cannot be condemned. Satan will take any chance to turn your words against you. When you are speaking about something, you need to make sure it is backed by the Word of the Lord, that you learn something from the older generation in front of you. If you have any doubt, if you have any questions, you need to go and seek for the understanding from the older generation.

We cannot be know-it-all people, no matter how good you are in speaking with the Lord. Sometimes there is a voice that comes to you, and you cannot decide whether it is the voice of the Lord or the voice of Satan. In order to know that, you need to seek the help of the experienced people who are among you. Those are the responsibilities, and we need to examine ourselves. Are we following all these things that Paul is trying to teach us?

Three Things to be Gained in Building the Bridge

As I am speaking these things, ones may have this question: "Okay brother, you are talking about all these things, but what is in it for me? How does it help me? What is in it for me or for you? What will I gain from this?" There are three points I want to mention. If you are trying to

build the bridge between the generations and follow all these things, you will gain three things. The first thing is familial relationships. No matter how close you are to your parents, to your brothers or to your sisters, you cannot share everything with your blood relations. That is why you need spiritual parents, that is why you need spiritual children. It is a two-way bridge, not one-way. It is not me going and pouring out my heart when I am sad or when I have confusion to my spiritual parents. It is a two-way bridge; spiritual parents also share something with me. I hope everyone understands what I mean by spiritual parents and spiritual children. It is having that accountability within the body of Christ. It is having people who are accountable for you within the body of Christ, within the fellowship.

A Two-Way Bridge

Let's look at some verses to make my point because it is a two-way bridge. In chapter 1 Paul was speaking to his son, Timothy from a father figure. And in chapter 3:10-11, it is very interesting that Paul said this. We all know the relationship between Paul and Timothy and how close they were, but they were not father and son, even though Paul addressed Timothy in II Timothy 1:2: "To Timothy, my dearly beloved son." "My dearly beloved son," means they had a very close relationship, and Paul treated Timothy as his own son.

As I said, it is a two-way bridge, not a one-way bridge. In chapter 1 Paul is speaking to his son Timothy from a father figure, and in chapter 3 it is very interesting that Paul said this in verses 10-11. "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me."

Paul was saying to Timothy that he knew everything about him. Whatever the challenges, Paul did not say, "I am older than him; why should I share my difficulties with Timothy?" No! Paul shared everything with Timothy. It is the father and son relationship. It is such a close relationship that you can share everything with your father, and the father shares his secrets with you. It is the same way, between brother and brother; there is this father and son relationship happening.

Today, it is very difficult to go and mention these same things to the younger people, or even the younger people going to the older people, it is a very big challenge. Satan is trying to separate you or isolate you, so you will not share your feelings. When you have temptations, who are you going to? Are you going into your room, sit alone, and try to overcome that temptation by yourself? Or are you going to the dearest brother that you have and share it with him or pray with him? That is the challenge. Satan wants to isolate you so that you are alone, and he can snatch you out of that body of Christ.

You are not holding the hand of your brothers because there is this challenge of being judged. "Okay, if I share these things, what will that brother think about me?" As I said, it is a two-way bridge: the younger brother can judge the older person, or the older person can judge the younger person. That is the challenge that we have today everywhere. It is the challenge that Satan is trying to impute and quietly snatch people out of the body of Christ. We are not looking at those things.

I want to challenge you today: are you looking at the younger people or older people and praying? "Okay, let me go and have that relationship with that person. Lord, help me to build that relationship with that person. I feel that he might be having a challenge; he might be struggling. Show me a way to go and speak with him." Are we doing that? Are we praying in that way? It is a challenge. I am not saying you are doing it; you might not be doing it, I do not know. But it's a challenge. That is the challenge God gave me, that is the question God asked me, and I am putting it in front of you. So, the first thing is familial relationships—spiritual parents and spiritual children.

The Younger Generation Show Affection to Parents and Elderlies

The second thing is for the younger people in Timothy 5:4. "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."

The younger people need to show affection to their parents or to the elderly who are among them in the body of Christ. That is good and acceptable to God, to take care of the people who are older than you, to take care of the lovely people in the body of Christ. That is good and acceptable to God. That is a kind of worship that we pour out to the Lord, especially the younger people. We need to make a point and build those relationships and help the people who are in need. That is the second point which is good and acceptable to God.

Imputing the Gospel to Younger Generation

And the third very important point is in II Timothy 2:2: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." This is imputing the gospel to the younger generations. If we are trying to bridge the gap between the generations, we are passing on the truth. That is what we saw when I started sharing. This will help us to pass on the gospel to our next generation, which is very important. The truth must be imputed to the next generation. So, those are the three important things which are personal to you, where you can go and say that I gained something from this. If I try to bridge the gap between the generations, I am gaining these things for myself. That is personal.

Reparer of the Breach

Isaiah 58:12: "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repaire of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."

We have seen that there is a breach in Ezekiel 22, and now God is saying, "You are the repaire of the breach." It is not that you are the repaire of the breach with the help of the Lord. We saw that truth must be imparted horizontally which means you are the repaire of the breach. No one will come and stand there, unless and until you make it a point, and realize that is your responsibility to stand in that breach.

You are the restorer of paths to dwell in and raise up the foundations of many generations. You should be raising up the foundations of many generations with the help of the Lord. You are

the repairer of the breach, you are the restorer of paths to dwell in. In the Bible there are many cases that we can turn to of what people have done. To build this bridge there must be a change in us individually that needs to happen within all of us. We can take encouragement from the people who are in the Bible who have tried to build this bridge between the generations. God gives us cases in the Bible as examples to show us that we need to have some qualities as an individual to be that repairer of the breach between the generations.

Teach Like Aquila and Priscilla, Learn Like Apollos

Acts 18:26: "And he (Apollos) began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."

Teachers like Aquila and Priscilla recognized the need to teach, what to teach, and how to teach it. You need to have that quality; you need to pray for that quality. If you want to teach your younger generation, you need to have that quality like Aquila and Priscilla to recognize that there is need to teach that person.

They looked at Apollos, and they understood that he needed to have the understanding of the Lord or he needed to know about the way of the Lord more perfectly. That is what they recognized, and they wanted to teach him that. In the same verse, there is Apollos, who Aquila and Priscilla wanted to teach, and Apollos wanted to learn. Learn like Apollos; be ready to learn from the person who wants to teach you prayerfully. There is a need for the younger generations to know about the way of the Lord more perfectly, and to know that you need to learn from the elders who are more experienced in the Lord. It does not mean they are perfect, but they have more experience about the situations in their lives, and you can learn from them. So, learn like Apollos, and teach like Aquila and Priscilla.

Be Peacemaker Like Moses

The third one is to be a peacemaker like Moses in Psalm 106:23, "Therefore he said that he would destroy them (Israel), had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them."

Who stood there? Moses stood there between Israel and God. Because of that, the whole generation of Israel has been saved. When the problems were there in Exodus, when Israel rebelled against God, Moses stood there. We all know the story of how he prayed for Israel, and how he was the person who stood there as the peacemaker. So we all need to be peacemakers between brothers. Even if it is between you and another person or something is happening between two individuals, you need to be a peacemaker and intervene in a godly manner, prayerfully. Be a peacemaker like Moses, and Moses was the chosen person. Now, we are all a chosen generation; we are all one holy chosen generation, and we are all chosen to be peacemakers.

Forgive Like Joseph

Forgive like Joseph who stood between the dying generation. He forgave all his brothers and brought them out of calamities and took care of them. If Joseph could not have forgiven his

brothers, he could not have saved that whole generation of Israel. So, we need to forgive like Joseph. Even though someone knowingly or unknowingly did some bad things to us, we need to forgive them like Joseph.

Pray and Fast Like Esther

Be an intercessor like Esther who prayed and fasted. In chapter 4:16 Esther fasted for the people of Israel to save them. We need to pray and fast to build the relationships between our brothers.

Personal Testimony

I want to share a small testimony of how God taught me this. In Michigan there was a brother, and we had never quarreled with one another nor were there any differences between us, but we never got along in the church. At the time we both were single, but we never got along for some reason.

So, after some time we both were working in the ministry in different areas, but we needed to communicate, and it was not a pleasant experience every time. So, I started praying, “Lord, I do not know what has happened. If I have said something wrong, I do not know what it is, but would You reconcile both of us. Let us reconcile with each other and have that good relationship. He is a brother in Christ.” So that is what I prayed for almost one and a half years; I do not remember.

But you know what God did? He made me his neighbor after I got married, and we lived within a yard of each other. My wife knows who I am talking about. He made us neighbors and eventually as neighbors we spoke with each other. We also had meals with each other, and the reconciliation came in that way. We need to pray sincerely if you want to have that relationship with your brother.

So, these are the qualities that we need to have if we want to build that bridge between the generations. There is that need right now. There is a challenge for the younger generation or whatever generation it is, they are getting away from the Lord. They are forgetting about the Lord. They are not recognizing the things that God has done for us as human beings.

So, let me recap. There is definitely a gap, and God is looking for people to close that gap. You and I are the chosen generation, and we need to stand there as the repairers of the breach. We need to pray that we bring as many people as possible into the body of Christ; it is our responsibility. Every one of us has this responsibility to be the repairer of the breach—not just me, not just some other person; every one of us has that responsibility.

Let me pray:

Living and loving Heavenly Father, we thank You, for giving us this day and for giving us this word to meditate upon. Oh Lord, we come before Your throne with the challenges that we are facing now as the body of Christ. We pray that you will help us to be the repairers of the breach, and You will give us the power to do that. Whatever qualities that we have seen through your Word, oh Lord, help us to practice them in our day-to-day lives. Help us to seek Your face, oh

Lord, to see what is wrong in us. Help us to build that bridge between the generations, so that we can impart the truth to the younger generation that are to come, so that we can be helpful to raise the leaders who will work for You and Your kingdom, so that we can praise You until You come for us, and we are with You one day. We thank You and praise You, in Jesus' name. Amen.