

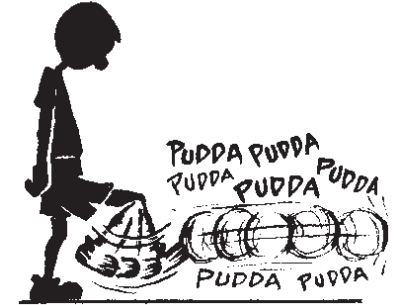
CHOOSE THINGS OF VALUE: TIME FOR "ME" OR "WE"?

HERE IS AN ATTITUDE BASED ON A "ME FIRST" VALUE THAT YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE, ALONG WITH A HEAVENLY VALUE TO REPLACE IT WITH!



RECOGNIZE THIS?

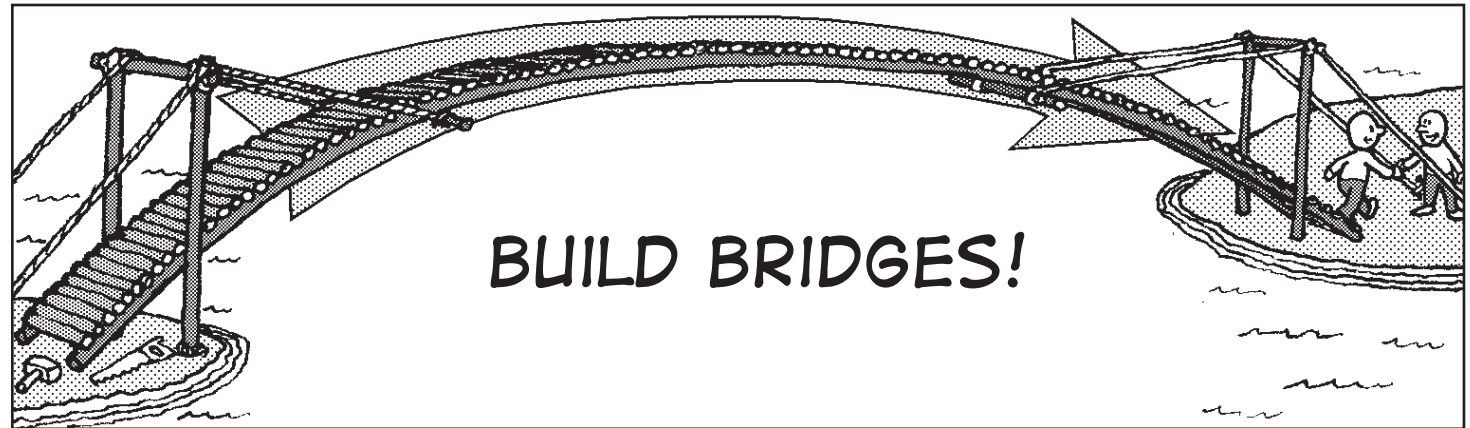
WHEN I COME HOME FROM SCHOOL, I WISH I COULD DO WHAT I WANT AND ONLY FUN STUFF. I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO HELP OUT WITH MY YOUNGER SIBLINGS OR DO CHORES, BECAUSE I LIKE TO SPEND THAT TIME DOING STUFF THAT INTERESTS ME.



HEAVENLY VALUE:

WHEN YOU ONLY DO THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE YOU, IT'S LIKE PUTTING YOURSELF ON AN ISLAND AND BURNING ALL THE BRIDGES BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED TO HELP OTHERS. HOWEVER, IN DOING THAT, YOU AREN'T ALLOWING ANY OF THE FUN THINGS TO REACH YOU THAT YOUR PARENTS OR OTHERS MIGHT HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU, BECAUSE YOU'VE LIMITED WHO AND WHAT COMES INTO YOUR DAY.

IT'S NATURAL TO ONLY THINK OF YOURSELF AND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. BUT THAT'S WHERE JESUS' VALUES COME IN. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF, AND HE CAN SHOW YOU HOW BEING LOVING AND GIVING IS NOT ONLY THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO, BUT HOW IT WILL ALSO BENEFIT YOU IN THE LONG RUN. DON'T GET STRANDED ON THAT ISLAND OF "SELF"!



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS: TRULY I SAY TO YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU HAVE DONE IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS, YOU HAVE DONE IT TO ME. MATTHEW 25:40, PARAPHRASED (SEE ALSO "DID IT TO ME.")

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