

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Timothy 5:1-2

Message Title: Your Next Hard Conversation

1 Timothy 5:1-2 – *Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.*

A diagram for message notes consisting of a large rounded rectangle divided into four quadrants by a vertical and a horizontal line. In the center of the rectangle is a light blue rounded square. Each of the four quadrants contains a horizontal line, intended for writing notes.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Timothy 5:1-2

1. Think back on your last hard conversation. What comes to mind and why? How did things turn out?
2. How is sharp rebuke similar to judgementalism? Why is sharp rebuke so deadly and hurtful?
3. Name a few different ways you can see Paul's familial analogies benefiting relationships within God's family.
4. Which of the four relational approaches that this message focused on personally speaks to you today? What immediate ways can these four differing approaches help you help others when corrective counsel is needed?
5. What one thing do you hope to take with you today as you seek to apply God's Word to your life?
6. How do you hope to see this message impact Bridges Community Church? What part can you play in seeing this preferred future become reality?
7. Has God brought to mind someone who could benefit from loving corrective counsel? What part, if any, does God want you to have in being a vehicle of God's love to this person?