



Are you losing your Children?

Matthew 18:1-14

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

² He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and **become** like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoever **welcomes** one such child in my name welcomes me.

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⁶ “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to **stumble**, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! ⁸ If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. ⁹ And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

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¹² “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴ In the same way **your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.**

Outline

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WARNING

1. Don't **despise** them (v10-13)
2. Don't **stumble** them (v6-9)

02

WINNING

1. **Welcome** them (v5)
2. **Become** like them (v2-4)

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Chop off your hand and gouge out your eye?

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Patricia's
Testimony

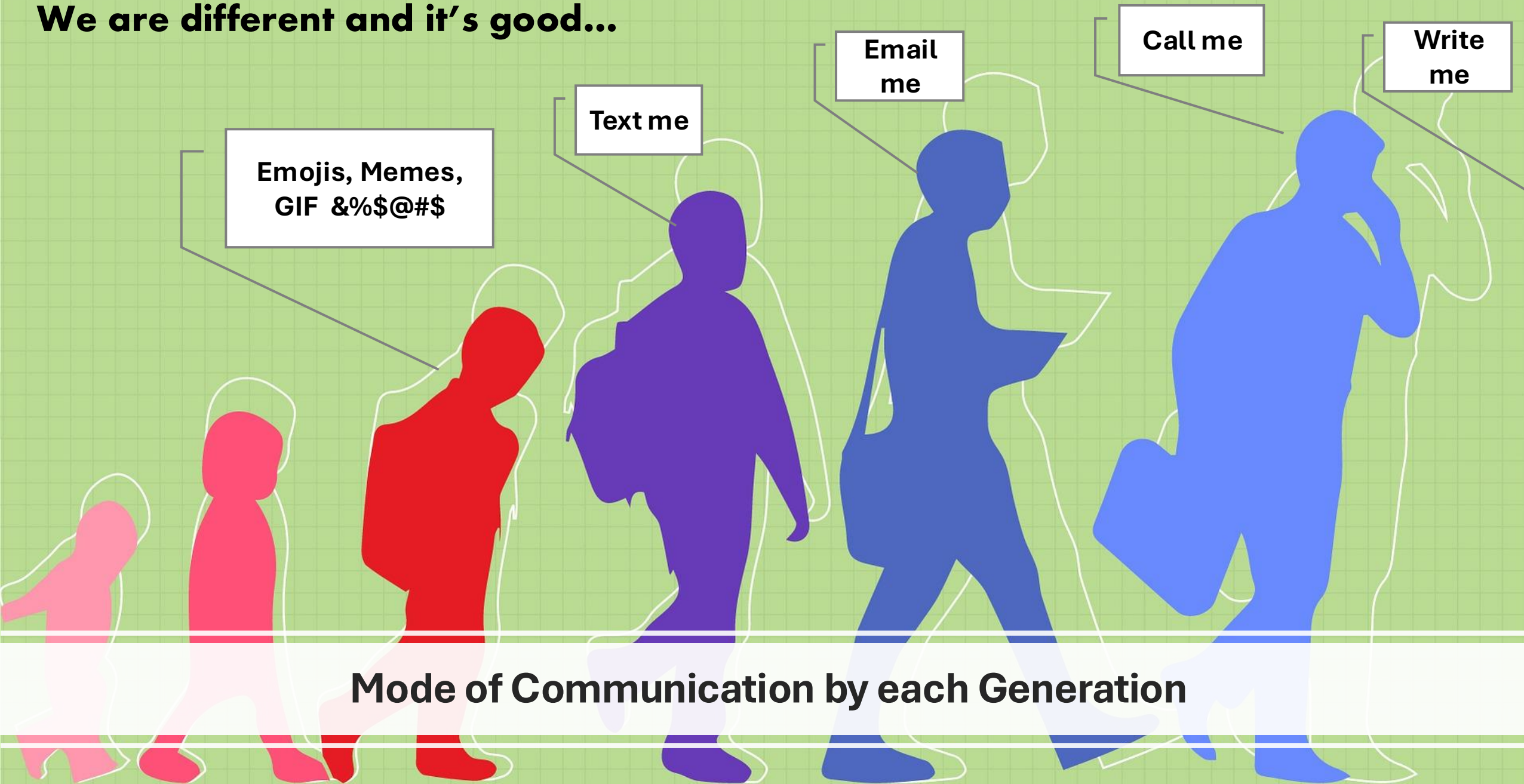




Welcome them, Become like them

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We are different and it's good...



Mode of Communication by each Generation

Strive for Mutual Understanding

Boomers

1. Stay up late in the office
2. Perseverance and sacrifice
3. Loyalty and promotion

WORK HARD

Zoomers

1. **Efficiency: Get the job done!**
2. **Work life balance and well being**
3. **Purpose and passion**

Please know that others don't think like us!!

Are we losing
our Next
Generation
in FPBC?

Millennials & Gen Z Are Leaving Church. What Can We Do?



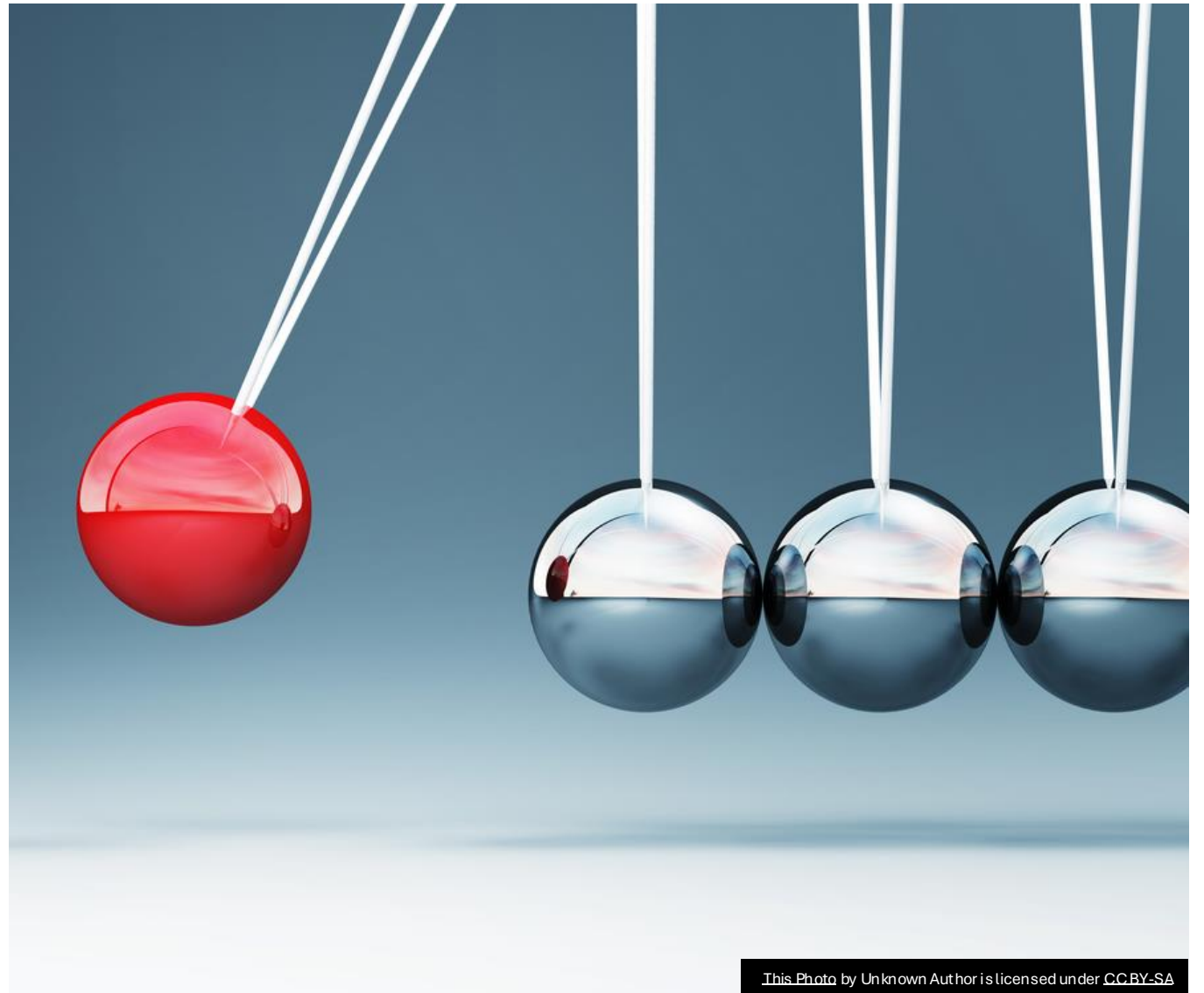
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Not pandering, but **inter-** **generating**

Two or more generations
mutually serving,
sharing and learning
within the core activities
of our church to live out
being the body of Christ
to each other and the
community at large

Holly Catterton Allen



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