



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – January, 2021

“KEEP ME SAFE, O GOD, FOR IN YOU I TAKE REFUGE” Psalm 16:1 (NIV)



The book of Psalms is a wonderful collection of songs and prayers, which express a whole range of human emotions, from the heart and soul of humanity. David and other writers were open and vulnerable with their true feelings, reflecting a dynamic, powerful, and life-changing friendship with God. They were not afraid to confess their sins, express their doubts and fears, ask God for help in times of doubt, and praise and worship Him. In other words, they were real, sharing their honest experiences and feelings.

David begins Psalm 16 with a request to God -- “Keep me safe.” David trusts God as his refuge, strengthening his hope and faith in Him. For many, the past year has been indeed a turbulent one! Much fear and anxiety has gripped the hearts of believers and non-believers alike, as a novel virus became the focus of our lives.

God instructs us to give thanks in all circumstances. When we purposefully and consciously take the time to give the Lord genuine gratefulness, we are able to put life into the proper perspective. When we are praising God and offering thanksgiving, there is no room left for complaining and negative thinking.

Put on the new self... Ephesians 4:24

REFLECTION

Bridge of Love’s mantra, “LOVE IS ACTION” demonstrates...
“Living Proof of a Loving Saviour”



We know it doesn’t matter our speed or age - forward is forward, and it really does not matter how slow we go...as long as we do not stop! We are truly grateful for steady growth with many lessons learned along the way.



1. God is our refuge; faithful and trustworthy.
2. We can turn our problems and anxiety into wisdom and opportunities.
3. God provides ALL our needs.
4. Only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing where our eternal destiny lies, can we truly be free from fear.
5. After many years of planning and pandemic preparedness, the reality of COVID – 19 is as expected.
6. God brings angels into our lives, often for only a season.
7. Obedience to God is the key to success and fulfillment.
8. Gratefulness brings victory over fear and anxiety.
9. Common sense is not so common!
10. As always...



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We can make resolutions and develop strategic plans but ultimately the agenda is Gods.

This has been the case during 2020 when our lives changed so drastically. Three years of our beginning were spent planning for an Influenza Pandemic. The outcomes from COVID-19, have been much as anticipated but the fear that has gripped hearts was indeed unexpected.

We appreciated the opportunity to facilitate the Regional Faith Community Summit on Pandemic Preparedness and Response back in 2008. Please click to hear from our excellent presenters. Many of the speakers were captured on video.

Planning a response for another disaster that might occur in 2021, especially when we are still experiencing the back-lash of a pandemic, is not an easy task! Bridges of Love continues to provide resources and basic emergency training for church and community.

