



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – April, 2018

“THOUGH IT LINGER, WAIT FOR IT” Habakkuk 2:3

*“For the revelation awaits an appointed time;
it speaks of the end and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come and will not delay.”*

Habakkuk 2:3

Habakkuk complained vigorously to God about the injustices in the world and God answered. “Be patient! I will work out my plans in my perfect timing.” It isn’t easy to be patient but God told Habakkuk to ‘wait for it.’ To trust God fully means to trust Him even when we don’t understand why events occur as they do.

Erwin McManus says God steers us in the direction of His kingdom, His purpose, and His passions. His desire is not to conform us, but to transform us. Not to make us compliant, but to make us creative. His intent is never to domesticate us, but to liberate us. Christ’s passion drove Him to the cross; the cross of Christ drives us to His passion (Phil. 2:13).

“Living Proof of a Loving Saviour” exhibiting God’s love to a watching world; providing opportunities and resources for the local church to connect with the community, continues to be our mission and passion. The vehicle has varied from mobilizing churches in support of the Micah Challenge (Poverty) - to the Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative (FEPI) and emergency training through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Oswald Chambers says the only way to be obedient to **“the heavenly vision”** is to give our utmost for His Highest—our best for His glory. This can be accomplished only when we make a determined effort to continually remember God’s vision – to love Him and our neighbour.

The call of Jesus is one that demands **ACTION**. To claim we believe is simply not enough. We are called to participate in the mission of God and embrace the cause of Christ with faith, hope, and love. To belong to God is to belong to His Heart with a life fueled by passion, to follow Him.

Bridges of Love is ready, in obedience, to carry the heavenly vision forward.

**“Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God;
may Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”**

Psalm 143:10

“Though it linger, wait for it...”



“To God be the Glory”



“In the Bible the shepherd’s staff appears as a source of comfort, concern and compassion, often symbolizing the Spirit of God. In Moses’ hand, it was a sign of God’s miracles and deliverance. It parted seas. To David, the Lord’s rod and staff were a source of comfort. The staff had a type of aura about it. Shepherds used a variety of equipment and aids while tending their flocks, but the staff was mainly practical, used by shepherds to draw sheep together, guide them, rescue them and set them free from entanglement. It is no accident that the word shepherd has the words “she” and “he” in it. As women and men serving in his Kingdom we are living staffs used by the Lord to guide and lead his sheep as he would have. This book illustrates the key characteristics a living staff should have, as we also lead as good shepherds.” Excerpt from...

The Shepherd and His Staff: A Guide to the Biblical Principles and Practices of Leadership
by Theodore Mistra

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory,
Great things He hath done,
So love He the world that He
gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our
redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that
all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through
Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great
things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the
purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise
of God;
The vilest offender who truly
believes,
That moment from Jesus a
pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through
Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and
greater will be,
Our wonder, our transport when
Jesus we see.

Fanny Jane Crosby
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