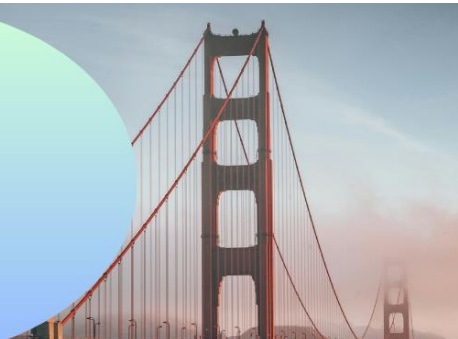




# Bridges of Love

**February 2025**



**"HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE?" Zephaniah 3:17**



***"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with his Love, He will rejoice over you with singing."***  
**Zephaniah 3:17**

Zephaniah 3:17 reminds us that God is with His people always! He is with you. He is a mighty one who will save you, not just in the future, but today. He is your Saviour and He is Mighty, and He will rejoice over you with gladness.

This precious word is ultimately fulfilled in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. But in the context of the surrounding verses there is an added assurance that, despite the distressing things happening around God's children, He will save them from the judgement that falls on the unrighteous. God rejoices over you with gladness and will quiet the wrestling of your soul with His love. And most sweetly, He will rejoice over you with singing.

This was the God Zephaniah proclaimed. So often we view God as either loving or judgmental. But Zephaniah knew the secret to God's character, to His holiness, to His larger-than-us-ness. He knew that God would faithfully bring judgment (what else could He do when people refused to stop hurting themselves and each other?!). He would also never, ever remove Himself or His love from His people.

Zephaniah's verse gives hope and comfort in these turbulent and often stressful times. Everyone believes love is important, but love is usually thought of as a feeling. In reality, LOVE is a choice and an ACTION.

## FELICIA'S FEATURE

### Neighbours Helping Neighbours – The Importance of Being Prepared

Recently, our community (just down the street from our office) was reminded of the incredible power of neighbours helping neighbours when a group of brave individuals from Safe Harbour (homeless shelter) rushed to assist those impacted by the explosion at Prairie Bus Lines. Eight courageous people didn't hesitate to step in, doing what they could to help before emergency responders arrived. Their actions were a true reflection of compassion and community spirit, and it's heartwarming to see the way these heroes came together to make a difference when it mattered most.

Their quick and selfless response highlights the strength of our community, but it also brings attention to a crucial point: being able to help in an emergency is incredibly important, but it's equally important to have the right training to do so safely. In this case, the eight individuals were fortunate—luckily, none of them were injured while trying to help. But the reality is, that emergencies can be unpredictable, and without the proper training, the situation can easily turn from a rescue to a tragedy.

In times of crisis, people naturally want to help. It's human nature to step up when others are in need. But without some basic knowledge of first aid, emergency response, and safety protocols, there's a real risk of causing further harm—either to yourself or to others. Imagine trying to assist in a dangerous situation without understanding the potential hazards or rushing in to help without knowing how to handle someone who's injured. Without training, the person you are trying to help might inadvertently get hurt, and you could find yourself in a dangerous situation as well. This is why **CERT training** is a valuable community resource!

## BRIDGES OF LOVE'S "STONE SOUP" LUNCHEON WITH DR. ROB BLACKABY

President & Ethics Professor  
Canadian Theological Baptist  
Seminary and College

**INVITE FOR:** Church and,  
Community Leaders.

**WHEN:** MARCH 20, 2025  
11:45 AM - 1:30 AM

**WHERE:** #102, 5208 - 53 Ave.  
Red Deer, AB

**COST:** 1 item for the 'Stone Soup'. Be creative!

Limited seating so please call to reserve your place at the table.

Please RSVP

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Call - 587.272.0955

### Stone Soup

Heat some water in a pot,  
Add a stone you've scrubbed a lot.  
Sprinkle pepper, salt and herbs,  
Let it boil undisturbed.  
Drop in carrots, onions too,  
Let the soup heat through and through.  
Stir in milk to make it sweet,  
Add potatoes for a treat.  
Toss in ham bones. Let it stew,  
Let it bubble. Let it brew.  
Taste the soup and when it's done,  
Share "Stone Soup" with everyone!



The message of the "Stone Soup" story is that by sharing what we have, even if it seems small, we can create something much greater together, highlighting the power of community and cooperation; essentially, "when everyone contributes, everyone benefits."