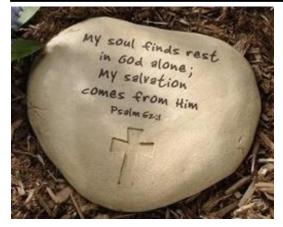


"TRULY HE IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION" Psalm 62:2



Placing ALL hope in God, knowing that He is in control allows us to wait patiently for Him to rescue us. David must have been far from home when he wrote this Psalm. Fortunately, God is not limited to any geographic location. David won't be shaken, because the Eternal God is his refuge, the place he runs to hide. God was visible to David because he chose to make God his stronghold, to make God's Word the place he ran to first, not his last.

As our grant term is completed March 31, 2025, and present funding is still uncertain to keep Felicia in her position, we are trusting God to provide. We have individually and collectively prayed for many months for God to supply for our every need. With our programs ready to go and our facility completed for training and other events, it would be very unfortunate to delay operations. With increased disasters and severity, Bridges of Love's programs are very relevant for these uncertain times.

Our situation may appear dire, but I have learned over the years that we can trust Matthew 19:26: "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Felicia has done a wonderful job over the past eight months, so please hear her heart as she shares why she would like to continue in her position.

God is indeed our 'rock' and our 'salvation'. As we celebrate Easter this season, let us give thanks that Jesus died so that we may live with assurance that He alone is our fortress, so that we will never be shaken.

FELICIA'S FEATURE

As Easter approaches, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey I've had with Bridges of Love over the past eight months. I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to Marg and to this ministry. Working alongside Marg, I've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the heart and passion behind everything we do. Together, we've faced challenges, celebrated small victories, and, most importantly, strived to be a source of hope and help.

Over these months, I've learned so much. Most importantly, I've discovered the true power of a small but committed team-like Marg and myself-working together to make а meaningful difference.

Easter is a time of new beginnings and a reminder of the hope we have in Christ through His resurrection. It's a season that inspires us to look forward with renewed faith and anticipation. Marg, Tom, and I have been praying for months, trusting that God will provide the resources we need to continue the vital work of Bridges of Love. As we find ourselves in the final hours of this crucial season, we remain hopeful and faithful.

In this season of reflection and renewal, we ask if anyone—whether an individual or a church—feels called to support the mission of Bridges of Love. Your generosity, no matter the size, can make a world of difference in allowing us to continue providing essential programs and services. If you feel led to give, we would be deeply grateful for your partnership in this work.

As the Bible reminds us: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11. We trust that God's plans will unfold the way they are intended, and we are excited to see what the future holds.

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

March 21st, Bridges of Love hosted a "Stone Soup" Luncheon featuring Dr. Rob Blackaby, President and Professor of Christian Ethics at the Canadian Baptist Theological Seminary and College. Dr. Blackaby shared valuable insights on the Ethics of Collaboration, emphasizing how working together is key to achieving success in both personal and community efforts. The event focused on the verse, "A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" from Ecclesiastes 4:12. highlighting the strength found in working together.

Special quests from various sectors enjoyed sharing in a hearty bowl of soup around the table. During lunch, a video taken from an ol' European folk tale was shown where each person contributed to a shared meal, symbolizing how everyone's efforts can create something much greater together!

The luncheon was a meaningful time of fellowship and visioncasting. We look forward to continuing our efforts to foster a united and vibrant body of Christ followers in Red Deer and beyond.

Please view the PowerPoint presentation, which includes Dr. Blackaby's video message on the "Ethics of Collaboration" for those who were unable to attend.