



# Bridges of Love

**"SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING! NOW IT SPRINGS UP; DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? Isaiah 43:19**

Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord',

but not do what I say?

Luke 6:46 BSB

In Luke 6:46, Jesus is questioning the hypocrisy of calling Him "Lord, Lord" while failing to obey His teachings. Part of the Sermon on the Plain, it emphasizes that true faith requires acting on His words, not just empty profession. This verse serves as an introduction to the parable of the wise and foolish builders.

## Key Aspects of Luke 6:46

- The Contradiction: Jesus highlights the inconsistency of acknowledging His authority ("Lord") without obeying His commands.
- Action-Oriented Faith: The verse stresses that following Jesus is defined by doing, not just hearing or verbal commitment.
- Context (The Builders): Immediately following this, in verses 47-49, Jesus compares those who hear and act to building a house on a solid rock foundation, while those who do not act build on sand, leading to destruction
- Meaning of "Lord": Using the term "Lord" (Kyrios) implies recognizing Him as Master, Owner, and God, which inherently demands obedience.

**This verse calls for a life where words and actions are aligned, demonstrating genuine discipleship.**

## TOTAL COMMITMENT

A book that impacted me greatly when Bridges of Love first began our ministry, was by Chip Ingram. The book "Holy Ambition" is based on Nehemiah's journey as he rebuilt the crumbling wall around Jerusalem. Chip outlined six incremental steps necessary to prepare and engage one for service. Number five was to have a total commitment!

For the past 23 years, Bridges of Love has been building a foundation to extend past the life of the founder. Our vision and prayers have been, please Lord build and expand this ministry so we may impact generations to come with Your Love. We are totally committed to see Bridges of Love carry on for future generations, but we cannot do it alone!

Over the past few months, we have set up meetings with influential leaders in our community to seek suggestions for how we could get through the financial challenge we face, which is limiting our effectiveness and sustainability. Our Member of Parliament, Burton Bailey and his Chief of Staff, Steven Ellingson kindly came to our office and listened intently, our mandate and present situation were explained. A suggestion they recommended was to draft a letter of appeal which they would review and refine. Their support was greatly appreciated! Please consider our urgent request for financial assistance and then pass it on to others who might also wish to help. Thank you!

## [URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT](#)

## COMMUNITY LEADERS

Another leader of the community we had the pleasure to meet was Red Deer's new Mayor, Cindy Jefferies and her assistant Darren. They were not familiar with our charity so after sharing our mission and programs, we brain-stormed on how best to address our present challenges.

An apple pie was shared with the mayor so she suggested they enjoy it at their Council Meeting that afternoon, where she would give a short introduction to our ministry.

It has been great to meet a few of the leaders of our city to garner their support through building relationships of trust.



"Community engagement and relationship building with local businesses and organizations just makes sense, and the sooner we start the process and build local capacity, the better equipped we will be to address the next disaster." Caitlin Miller, EM