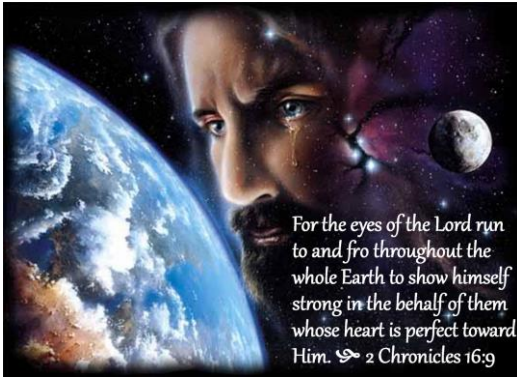




Bridges of Love

"FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD MOVE TO AND FRO THROUGHOUT THE EARTH..." 2 Chronicles 16:9



For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole Earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. 2 Chronicles 16:9

Asa was responsible for leading the southern kingdom of Judah through a turbulent time in its history. Overall, he is remembered as a king whose "heart was fully committed to the Lord all his life" (2 Chronicles 15:17).

However, towards the conclusion of his reign, he succumbed to the pitfall of prideful self-reliance. Confronted with war from the northern kingdom of Israel, Asa chose to depend on "the king of Aram and not on the Lord" (2 Chronicles 16:7).

One of the inherent dangers of any leadership role is prideful self-reliance, where individuals cease to seek the wisdom, guidance, and strength derived from the Lord. Arrogance takes root, and we attempt to manage situations independently. Self-reliance can insidiously enter our lives, so gradually and subtly that we may fail to recognize it.

The Lord seeks hearts that love Him, are surrendered to His will, and are passionate about His purposes. He desires individuals who remain humbly aware of their perpetual need for Him and seek His presence in all circumstances. He is looking for men and women who overcome their natural inclination toward self-reliance and instead choose God-reliance.

When the Lord finds such individuals, He eagerly bestows His strength upon them and empowers them to fulfill His work in the world.

The **Be Prepared Program** Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) share excellent materials through their website to help emergency focused agencies build resilience in the communities they are engaged. This dedicated team held a recent information session encouraging attendees on the call, to share with our networks. Please find their PowerPoint Presentation on the link below.


You will notice from the first slide in the presentation that they emphasize there is a culture shift that is now dictating a different approach to emergency management. The shift is one of a **"Whole-of-Society"** approach which makes preparedness a shared responsibility, relying on partners and leaders to drive change. Beyond the emergency, lasting change is built through everyday actions and habits, maintained year-round. They also affirm, increasing risk literacy success relies on leaders actively educating the public to understand and mitigate risks.

Bridges of Love's community preparedness and training is in-line with the AEMA goals. Please take time to read through the information provided which gives 2025 Survey Insights into preparedness gaps! We are right on target for what is being championed!

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- Psychology of Trauma
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Bridges of Love is seeking qualified instructors for our next CERT Summit. If you are a professional and have experience in one of our eight modules, we invite you to participate in our CERT Train-the-Trainer event (www.bridgesoflove.net for CERT details). This one-day training will equip you to instruct others and to become familiar with our training resources. This is a free course and is optional to become an instructor, but we feel it is helpful as a new CERT trainer. CERT Train-the-Trainer is offered on two different days to give flexibility. Please call Marg for full details for our next CERT training session scheduled for April 2026.

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