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# Building Bridges

## My God is Love



1 John 4:7-11 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.



<sup>9</sup> This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.



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# Three facts about love:

Fact 1: It's a universal need

Fact 2: There is a universal solution

Fact 3: There is a tragic disconnect



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## Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



Ephesians 5:14 (NIV)

“Wake up, sleeper,  
rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”



1. They feel they are not worthy
2. They think they don't need to
3. They are afraid of the cost



Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



James 2:19 (NIV)

You believe that there is one  
God. Good! Even the demons believe  
that—and shudder.



Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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 hope and a future."



1 John 4:11 (NIV)

**11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



John 13:34-35 (NIV)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”





# 1 John 3:16-18 (NIV)

**16** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.



Luke 6:38 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."



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