8 Ways to Engage People Around You

- 1. Start conversations- just talk to people.
- 2. Hang out with people who enjoy the same things you do.
- 3. Volunteer somewhere.
- 4. Tell stories.
- 5. Get to know your community by asking questions.
- 6. Invite others to join you- Jesus sent His disciples by twos.
 - 7. Pray with others.
 - 8. Address physical and spiritual needs around you.

Bridging

5 Chapters of My Life--part 5

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Chapter 1: I am Broken.

Chapter 2: I am Beloved. Chapter 3: I Belong.

Chapter 4: Building

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

God's dilemma:

Luke 13:34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Our human dilemma:

Psalm 36:2 ...for in his own mind, he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his own sin.

1 John 2:11 But he who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

2 Corinthians 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God.

We're on a rescue mission on a grand scale lived out in one-to-one relationships.

Your Part in Bridging

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were
making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's
behalf: Be reconciled to God.

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.