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LET THE HUSBAND RENDER TO
HIS WIFE THE AFFECTION DUE
HER, AND LIKEWISE ALSO THE
WIFE TO HER HUSBAND.



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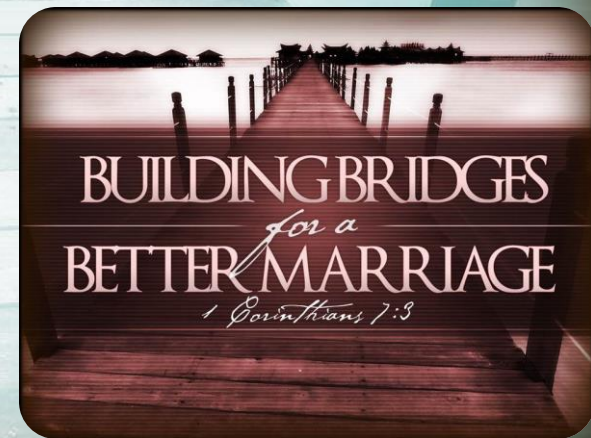
THE SAMARITAN BRIDGE
THE JACOB BRIDGE
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THE CHRISTIAN BRIDGE

THE SAMARITAN BRIDGE

LUKE 10:30-35 (p 1196)

- The principles of each player is an application to our relationship in marriage
 - What is thine is mine, I will take it (*THIEVES*)
 - What is mine is mine, I will keep it (*PRIEST/LEVITE*)
 - What is mine is thine, I will share it (*SAMARITAN*)

Which one am I? Which one does God want me to be?



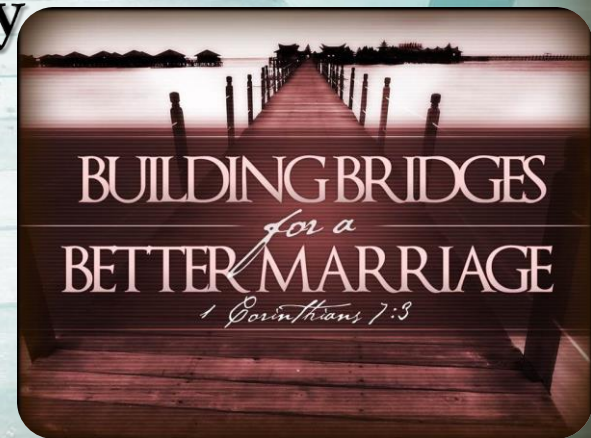
THE JACOB BRIDGE

GENESIS 29:20 (p 32)

- The attitude of the heart
 - *So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. (NASB)*

“Successful marriages are not characterized by the absence of problems but the ability to solve those problems.”

Ephesians 5:22-33 (p 1346)



THE CORINTHIAN BRIDGE

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a (p 1321)

- The meaning of true love

Suffers long and is kind

Does not envy

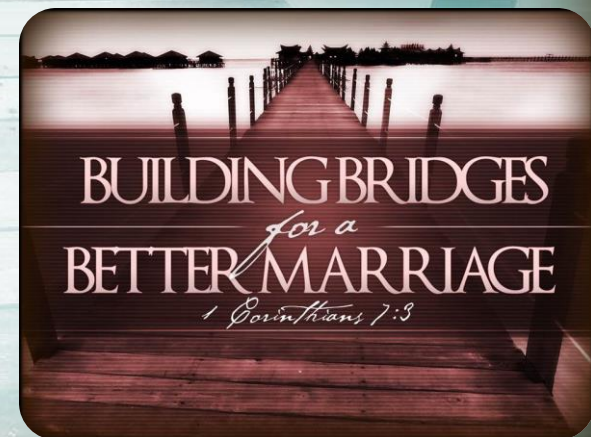
Does not parade itself

Is not puffed up

Does not behave rudely

Does not seek its own

Is not provoked



THE CORINTHIAN BRIDGE

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a (p 1321)

- The meaning of true love

Thinks no evil

Does not rejoice in iniquity

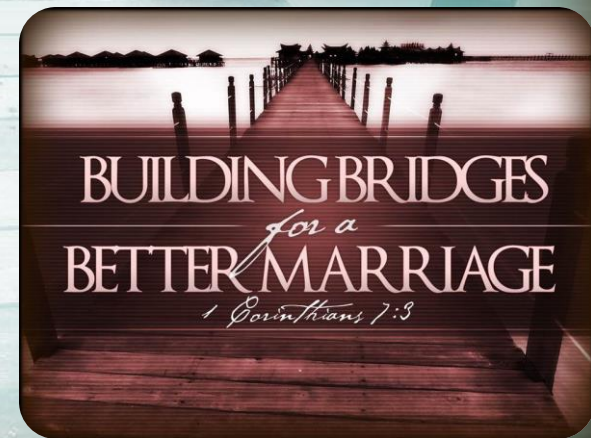
Rejoices in truth

Bear all things

Believes all things

Hopes all things

Endures all things



love

never
fails...

(1 Cor. 13:8)



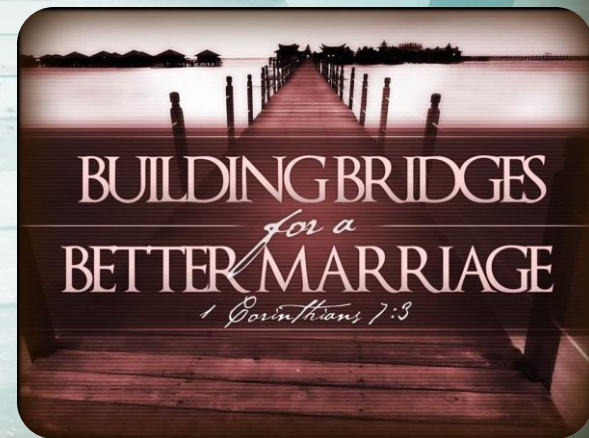
THE CHRISTIAN BRIDGE

COLOSSIANS 3 (p 1354)

- Building a home on the teachings of God

It is important to remember that all the admonitions for change in a person when he becomes a child of God apply to marriage

- *If then you are raised with Christ*
- *Put to death ...*
- *You must also put off ...*
- *As the ELECT OF GOD ...*
- Family (vv18-21)





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**UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE
HOUSE, THEY LABOR IN VAIN WHO
BUILD IT; UNLESS THE LORD
GUARDS THE CITY, THE
WATCHMAN KEEPS AWAKE IN
VAIN. (PSALMS 127:1)**