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**Our Next is Now!**

# Luke 13: 10-16 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> As he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath, <sup>11</sup> a woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for over eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called out to her, “Woman, you are free of your disability.” <sup>13</sup> Then he laid his hands on her, and instantly she was restored and began to glorify God.

<sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded by telling the crowd, “There are six days when work should be done; therefore come on those days and be healed and not on the Sabbath day.”

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “Hypocrites! Doesn’t each one of you untie his ox or donkey from the feeding trough on the Sabbath and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> Satan has bound this woman, a daughter of Abraham, for eighteen years—shouldn’t she be untied from this bondage<sup>[f]</sup> on the Sabbath day?”

# **Year of the Builder:** **“Gaining Perspective, Building Bridges”**

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**Perspective:**  
The way a person  
views things  
based on *their*  
lived experience.



**Builders embrace God's viewpoint.**



# Psalm 105:12(NLT)

“He said this when they were few in number, a tiny group of strangers in Canaan.”

**Builders must build bridges to God's house.**





## Ezekiel 2:1-5 (NLT)

“Stand up, son of man,” said the voice. “I want to speak with you.” **2** The Spirit came into me as he spoke, and he set me on my feet. I listened carefully to his words. **3** “Son of man,” he said, “I am sending you to the nation of Israel, a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. **4** They are a stubborn and hard-hearted people. But I am sending you to say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says!’ **5** And whether they listen or refuse to listen—for remember, they are rebels—at least they will know they have had a prophet among them.

**Jesus came to set captives free.**





## 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NLT)

**3** If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing.**4** Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

# My Conversation with a Psychic!





# Luke 19:28-31 (NLT)

**28** After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, **30** “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘**The Lord needs it.**’ ”



# Building Bridges Requires...

- Re-Calibrated Vision
- Compassion
- Courage
- Time
- Tools
- Treasure



## Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

**28** Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

# Summary

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Kingdom ambassadors are sent to build bridges.

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Kingdom ambassadors see life from God's viewpoint.

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Captives can't cross bridges unless they're rescued.

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Building bridges requires re-calibrated vision, compassion, courage, time, tears, tools, and treasure.

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**Jesus modeled building bridges.**