

New Beginnings Breakfast 2026

I Am God's Bridge

Purpose of 2026 is that every one of us are God's bridge to your family, the church, the business community, and the world. Every person is a divine connection from God to others. This year we will build you, His bridge, through strengthening, training, empowerment and recognizing each one that carries God's unique purpose and gifts. Let's all pray that every person we touch will successfully carry the traffic of life and advance His Kingdom without hinderance. Then we will have an anointing service to commission everyone to their identity as His Bridge, God's Minister.

Phase 1

I. The Mandate of the Wise Master builder

The apostle Paul, acting as a "wise master builder" by God's grace, laid the essential foundation for spiritual construction. A master builder, must intentionally design the structure, ensuring every part, like a bridge, aligns with the foundational design.

1 Corinthians 3:10 *According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

II. Identifying the Rock Foundation

Just as a bridge needs a rock solid base, a person must build their life on the unmovable foundation of Jesus Christ. This foundation is essential for enduring the storms of life.

1 Corinthians 3:11 *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 7:24–25 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

III. The Necessity of the Other Side: The Secure Anchorage

A bridge cannot hang in mid-air; it must be anchored on both sides. In any relationship, with God, family, or business, stability is only achieved when the bridge is firmly fastened to a reliable "other side."

A. God anchored His Life within us through Jesus by His Faith

Colossians 2:12 *Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*

- We attest to His anchorage within us

Hebrews 6:19 *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; - 2 Connection points!*

Psalm 18:2 *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.*

B. We must build the other side from their viewpoint

- Adapt your language and vocabulary to another's

To build the bridge the burden of being understood lies with the builder, not the listener. You must speak the language of the "other side" to anchor the bridge. Paul mastered this by shifting his vocabulary based on his audience without changing his foundation.

- The Shift in Perspective:

Philippians 2:4 *Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

1 Corinthians 9:19 *Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. ²⁰ When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. ²¹ When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. ²² When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.*

Paul identifies that a "Bridge" must have two different endings to connect two different places. He used Jewish law language for the Jews and philosophical language for the Greeks.

- **Surveying the Need (The Listening Phase):** Before a bridge can be built, the builder must understand the needs of the other side.

James 1:19 *Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.*

- **Laying the Beams of Edification (Clear Communication):** Every word must serve as a support beam to strengthen the connection.

Ephesians 4:29 *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

- **Securing the Joint (The Bond of Peace):** The bridge becomes stable when both sides are fastened in unity and agreement.

Ephesians 4:3 *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

- **Clarity is Key (Words Easy to be Understood)**

A bridge is useless if the traffic cannot find the entrance. In business and relationships, using "insider" language or "ego" language that the other side does not understand creates a "broken span" where communication falls into the water.

- **Don't speak past another**

1 Corinthians 14:9 NLT *It's the same for you. If you speak to people in words they don't understand, how will they know what you are saying? You might as well be talking into empty space.*

1 Corinthians 14:11 NLT *But if I don't understand a language, I will be a foreigner to someone who speaks it, and the one who speaks it will be a foreigner to me.*

If you speak "Business" to a "Family" heart, or "Legalism" to a "Visionary" soul without translating, you become a "foreigner" a stranger to the very person you are trying to bridge to.

- **The Word in Due Season**

Reaching another's heart is not just **what** you say, but **when** and **how** it is seasoned. Specificity requires "seasoning" the language to match the current state (the "weather or condition") of the other side.

Proverbs 15:23 *A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!*

Colossians 4:6 *Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."*

Salt brings out the flavor already present. Specific language identifies what the other person values (What they know, have, and do) and speaks directly to that value.

- **Your awakened ear**

God provides the ability to identify the specific language needed for every "weary" or "searching" person you encounter.

Isaiah 50:4 *The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.*

This reveals that the builder must first be a "Listener" (the ear awakened) before they can be a "Speaker" (the tongue of the learned). You must hear their language before you can speak it.

- **Summary of the other side:**

1. **Identify the Terrain:** Hear their language first (What do they know/have/do?).
2. **Translate your vision:** Use their vocabulary (Business, Family, or Spiritual).
3. **Ensure the Fit:** Use "words easy to be understood" to remove the "foreigner" barrier.
4. **Season the Connection:** Speak in "due season" to build trust and character. Empathy is a powerful voice.

Phase 2 –

I. The Architect's Council: Establishing the Strategic Blueprint

A. The Purpose of the Bridge: Seeking Wise Counsel

We have sought and are seeking a multitude of counselors crucial for the architect to establish a sound plan, as shared wisdom provides safety and prevents failure.

- **Council of Advisors:** the essential wisdom and laborers needed by the architect and construction crews to connect the spans, overcome challenges, and sustain the material for the traffic of life. To build "God's Bridge," the architect and construction crews require guidance and labor. This involves establishing a strategic blueprint with the help of multiple counselors, assembling skilled laborers, ensuring the materials and people are strong enough for the challenges, and focusing on the mission of connecting both sides.

Proverbs 11:14 *Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.*

Proverbs 15:22 *Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.*

Proverbs 24:6 *For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.*

B. Planning the Bridge: Identifying the Specific Spans

To build a stable bridge, the architect must first identify the unique terrain and purpose of the connection.

- **Spiritual Bridge (Relationship with God):** Anchored in Christ as the unique Mediator.

1 Timothy 2:5 *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

- **Family and Personal Identity Bridge:** Anchored in the "Threefold Cord" that cannot be easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 *And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

- **Business and Vision Bridge:** Anchored in integrity and clear communication.

Habakkuk 2:2 *Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*

C. Challenges to be Met: Counting the Cost and Increasing Knowledge

The architect and crew must anticipate and prepare for challenges by counting the cost and growing in strength through knowledge.

Luke 14:28 *For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?*

Proverbs 24:5 *A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.*

John 16:33 *...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

D. Materials to Withstand the Challenges: The Right Build

The bridge must be constructed of materials (people) that can endure, described as "lively stones" and "able men."

1 Corinthians 12:12 *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.*

1 Peter 2:5 *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Exodus 18:21 *Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.*

1 Corinthians 3:12–13 *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

E. Connecting with Advisors and People: Finding the Right Laborers, Matching Strength to the Challenge

To find the right connections ("one person away"), we must pray, utilize the specific gifts God has provided, and act as a light to others.

Matthew 9:38 *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

Ephesians 4:11–12 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*

1 Corinthians 12:12 *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ*

1 Chronicles 12:32 *And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.*

Acts 13:47 *For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth*

Isaiah 6:8 *Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.*

III. Implementation: Steps to Build the Bridge (Person-to-Person)

Reach out to your 2 Circles of influence:

A. The Immediate Span (Those You Know)

The first circle consists of your direct connections. To build a bridge that is tenable (holdable), you must assess the substance of these connections using your three-fold inquiry: *What do they know (Wisdom), what do they have (Resources), and what can they do (Fruit)?*

- **Identifying their Wisdom (What do they know?):**

Proverbs 13:20 *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

- **Identifying their Resources (What do they have?):**

2 Corinthians 9:8 *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.*

- **Identifying their Fruit (What can they do?):**

Matthew 7:20 *Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

B. The Second Circle: The Extended Span (Who Do They Know)

The bridge extends its reach through the first circle to the second. This is the principle of the "person one step away." **You reach the unknown through the testimony of the known.**

Through their testimony we have:

- **Established character (The Foundation of Trust):**

Proverbs 22:1 *A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.*

Ruth 3:11 *And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.*

- **Establishing Confidence (The Stability of the Connection):**

Proverbs 3:26 *For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.*

Hebrews 10:35 *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*

The Principle of Indirect Connection:

John 1:41 *He [Andrew] first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias... And he brought him to Jesus.*

- **Assessing the Second Circle (Knowledge, Possession, Ability):**

Colossians 4:5 *Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time*

- A. What do they know? (Their Specific Wisdom):**

Colossians 4:6 *Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.*

- B. What do they have? (Their Specific Resources):**

2 Corinthians 8:12 *For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.*

- C. What can they do? (Their Specific Fruit):**

Matthew 7:16 *Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

IV. The Result: A Stable and Effective Connection

When approaching the two circles of relationship (those you know and those they know), filter every interaction through these four questions to ensure your specific language is effective:

Who is the core audience?

What is their enduring need?

How can we build a repeatable system to help them?

Why does this connection fulfill our shared purpose?

Matthew 18:19 *Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.*

When a person's identity is correctly anchored in God and they build with clear, edifying communication, the bridge becomes a "way of holiness" that leads others to truth.

Isaiah 35:8 *And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.*

Let's agree to fulfill this year's mandate:

Be God's Bridge!