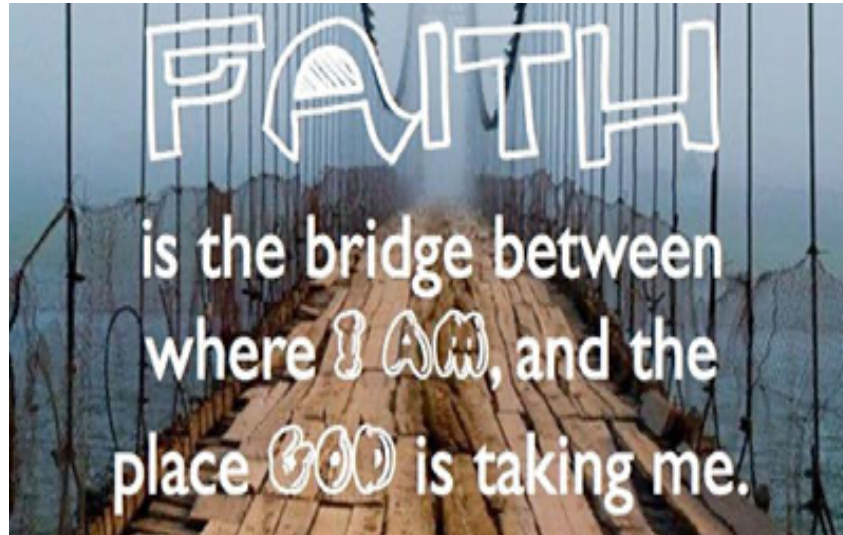


BRIDGE BUILDING...A JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

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Do you want to take a trip...a journey of a lifetime? The trip will be long and tiring, but...ahh...so rewarding! The journey will require some unique equipment which should be worn at all times. This trip of a lifetime will require some preparation, some thought, and some action.

I don't know about you, but I love to be surprised at all the scenery and excitement on my way to my planned destination. The waterfalls, the roadside parks, the mountains, the rivers, and the bridges on which we travel across to get to our destination have all played a part in helping to make my trip a trip of a lifetime. I think, however, the most exciting thing about getting to my destination is getting to meet the people on the way...my family, friends, new friends and acquaintances whom we know that we will probably never see again, the person who wanted to know the directions to whatever or wherever, and the family who needed to be helped financially in order to get home...all have made my trip to my final destination fun, exhilarating, and most rewarding. I feel each of the experiences was just another bridge I was destined to cross as I have made my way to my final destination.

My final destination is the place I have read about in the greatest book ever written. My destination from the beginning of my journey is home. Home is where many of my friends are. Home is where my family whom I

have longed to see again since they departed for their final leg of their journey home; and home is where my Lord and my God have waited for my arrival.

Want to go with me? Put your equipment on and come go with me. Be sure and wear your helmet of salvation. This is the only piece you must carry with you at all times. Other pieces of equipment are important, but salvation is a must to go on the same trip with me in order to reach the final destination.

Home is heaven. Home is where my heart is. Home is where all the bridge builders are who have helped me to get in the position to cross over to the other side of eternity. I'm still stretching for my final lap home. I can see the lights now, but there will be one or two more bridges to cross.

Since you are so very important to me, I have prayed that you will long for the same destination.

Bon Voyage!

"When the time comes for you to leave this earth, if it doesn't become a lesser place with your absence, then you have wasted your life."

— Shaun Hick, The Army of Five Men

