

OV Tour daily devotions DAY ONE (Sat. - 6/8/19)

A Bridge to Nowhere

Bridges are built for a specific purpose. They carry us safely from one area to another, usually across a vast expanse or body of water.

Since your life usually depends on the strength and reliability of the bridge, it's important to ask some basic questions before you get on it. Where will this bridge lead me? Is it safe? Will it bear my weight? How has it been maintained?

This week we'll be crossing many bridges as we travel more than 1200 miles on our *Bridge Tour 2011*. Fortunately, we don't have to worry about the integrity of the bridges we'll be crossing. Others have gone before us to study, build, and maintain them. We, however, are the ones who will be putting our trust into action as we drive across them. It's one thing to say, "Oh, it will be okay. Go ahead and take that step." It's quite another to be the one stepping blindly off the edge. Do you remember the scene in *Raiders of the Lost Ark* when Indiana Jones scattered pebbles across an invisible footbridge and then bravely stepped out onto it?

As hard as it is to believe, there are many young people who have put their trust in bridges that will lead them nowhere. They are enticed by what they see across the way and want it at all cost. Do you know anyone who has risked everything by stepping out blindly? Do you have friends who are flirting with unperceived peril just for the thrill of the moment?

Each time we come to a transition point in our life, it is like crossing a bridge into another region. As you cross, and cross you must, be sure that the bridge you cross has strong footings well grounded in the truth of God's Word. Make sure that concrete structures have been reinforced by those who love you. Be careful not to only look at the "superstructure" (the parts of a bridge that are above), but study the "substructure" (the parts of a bridge that are below the bottom of the girders). This will make the crossing safer and help you continue your ultimate journey.

Do you know the name of the iconic bridge in Charleston? _____

What its name? _____

Do you know what two cities it connects? Name them. _____

Are you in a transition in your life? _____ Describe either the last "life transition" you had or an upcoming one.

How does it make you feel? Are you worried? Frightened?

Anxious? Excited? Why? _____

How do you sense God leading you this week to step out in faith? Do you sense His leading or direction on our tour this week?

Read Psalm 68:19 and describe why you believe Jesus (THE Bridge) can be trusted to bear your burdens. _____

Spend time now, through prayer, expressing your praise to Him for being our “load bearer.”