

OV daily devotions DAY TWO (Sunday - 6/9/19)

It Takes All Types (Or Does It?)

I'll bet the very first bridges were made by nature itself or maybe even accidentally made when someone dropped a board on top of a mud puddle. Can you imagine the surprise when human beings first began to realize what a simple solution had existed right under their noses!

As larger challenges were tackled, more and more variety was needed to solve the more complex problem of crossing a gorge or spanning a river. As a result, several different types of bridges were designed to meet increasingly intricate situations.

That one thing helps set us humans apart from the rest of God's creation: we are capable of solving most of the problems with which we're faced. This is, of course, a wonderful thing that makes us like the God who created us. However, it can also be a problem too. If we're not careful, we find ourselves so self-reliant that we stubbornly refuse the simplest solution to the dilemma before us.

In spite of the many ways God could have chosen to bridge the gap that sin had created between Himself and us, He opted for a simple answer. He would allow His only Son, Jesus Christ, to serve as conduit (channel) for His mercy. Instead of answering for our wrong choices and stubbornness, God would impose His hatred for sin on Jesus. In the simplest terms, Jesus lay Himself down across the great "sin-gorge" between God and humanity. All we need do is accept the plan, trust that the Jesus is a worthy bridge, and step out onto the bridge.

Believe me, if you haven't already heard of many other ways that God could have chosen to deal with the mess we made, you will! Some will tell you that God has devised many different ways leading back home. The truth of God's Word is that there is only one way back to Him. John 14:6 says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Does this sound complex or simple?

Circle the names of all the "real" types of bridges below:

Hanging Bridge	Cantilever Bridge
Suspension Bridge	Levitating Bridge
Beam Bridge	Arch Bridge
Trust Bridge	Trellis Bridge

Have you ever heard anyone say that there might be another way to get to heaven? What “other” way did they suggest? _____

What other way might you have come up with to bridge the sin-gap between God and us? _____

What’s the biggest problem you’re facing right now? What worries you the most? How is your relationship with God?

Sometimes the simplest answers to our problems are right in front of us. What did Peter say to the Jewish leaders in Acts 4:11 - 12 about where they got the power to do the things they were doing?

What other way did Peter see for people to reach God? _____
