



**Haven Community Church
Pastor Jack D. Cohen – May 23, 2010**

"My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. ³⁵When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, ³⁶and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me." ³⁷Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? ³⁸When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear ³⁹or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" ⁴⁰The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."
– Matthew 25:34b-40 (CEV)

Build a Bridge Get Over...Love & Serve

I. Building a bridge...Love them

Ways to Love Your Neighbor

- Be there
- Give
- Ease their load
- Think practical
- Open up

II. Who Jesus came to help:

*"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."
– Mother Teresa*

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
– Luke 4:18-20 (NIV)

• "The poor" – the have nots

• "The brokenhearted" – the let down

"Insults have broken my heart and left me weak."

– Psalm 69:20 (NCV)

• "The imprisoned" – the locked up in life

• "The blind" – the shut out

• "The oppressed" – the have nots

III. How can we have a heart like Jesus?

• We must care about what Jesus cares about

"Be full of love for others, following the example of Christ who loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice to take away your sins."
– Ephesians 5:2 (LB)

– World

– Church

• We must be indifferent to what Jesus is indifferent to

– Jesus was indifferent to impressing others

– Jesus was indifferent to getting rich

• We must get angry to what Jesus is angry about

"Be angry without sinning."

– Ephesians 4:26 (GW)

– Needs of children

– Suffering of others is ignored

• We must sacrifice for what Jesus sacrificed

"He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing what is right."
– Titus 2:14 (NLT)

• We must act