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Come To The Table Day 4: Bridges

To the thief and to the doubter, To the hero and the coward To the prisoner and the soldier, To the young and to the older All who hunger all who thirst, All the last and all the first All the paupers and the princes, All who've failed you've been forgiven All who dream and all who suffer, All who loved and lost another All the chained and all the free, All who follow all who lead Anyone who's been let down, All the lost you have been found All who have been labeled right or wrong To everyone who hears This song

Scripture Reference

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

– John 3: 16–17



We'll end our week covering two very familiar passages in the New Testament. However, no matter how long you've been on your journey of faith, do not let the familiarity of these passages rob you of a new, fresh take on them in our final days of the week. Oh beloved, we have so much to learn from these passages each time we venture to study them. Our song today also has quite an expansive listing within the bridges. Don't get lost in the long list, but instead take a fresh look at it and how it applies to your journey of faith.

Begin today by reading through the bridges of our song. Underline any descriptions that fit you previously in your life. Circle any descriptions that fit you currently. Have your circled and underlined many of the descriptions or only a few? Maybe some are both circled and underlined. Write out any words that aren't listed that describe you either now or in the past. How have all of these descriptions defined you – either in the past or now? How has Jesus worked in your life through all of those descriptions?

Let us begin in the middle of our passage today. "God did not send His Son...to condemn the world". He did not send His Son to condemn you for any of the descriptions you circled, underlined, or wrote. Nor does He want you to condemn **yourself or others** for those things. Dear one, let that truth settle in...let it set you free. You are not condemned.

Are you condemning yourself for any those descriptions you circled, underlined, or wrote? Are you condemning someone else for their part in those descriptions? Praise your Heavenly Father today for the fact that He does not condemn you. Release others from that condemnation. Cry out to the Holy Spirit to help you move past a feeling of condemnation of self and others to one of love and mercy for all.

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"But to save the world through Him"...that's why God sent His Son. To save the world...to save us. Regardless of how you might describe yourself. Jesus is our Savior. He saves us from any of the descriptions that might bind us on the list in the bridges. He saves us from any chains you wrote out that bind you today. Jesus saves. It's as simple and as profound as that.

Think back to our first day this week when we reflected on how Jesus **saves** us <u>and</u> **knows** us. Can you identify any areas or moments of your life this week where the Holy Spirit has spoken to you or shown you more depth to these concepts? Ask the Holy Spirit to speak into how Jesus saves you from the circled, underlined, and written descriptions. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how Jesus knows you through all those descriptions. Take time today to continue reflecting on Jesus saving and knowing you.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish by have eternal life." John 10:10 tells us that life is life "to the full." God loves you so much He gave His Son so **you** could have eternal life with Him. **You** were worth the price. To God, you are more than your sins, you are more than any description you underlined, circled, or wrote. You are His precious child. He wants you to have eternal life to the full with Him. His table is yours.

What does it mean to you to have life to the full? Do you feel like you are living that out right now? If not, why not? What does it mean to you to have eternal life with our Heavenly Father? End today praying to your Heavenly Father. Let the Holy Spirit guide you in what He would have you to learn from today's familiar passage. Let His truths sink in and continue to transform you.

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