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Be The Bridge

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In her book "Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart of Racial Reconciliation," Latasha Morrison offers a compelling and perceptive manual for those seeking to promote racial reconciliation in individual and communal settings. This publication furnishes a framework for comprehending the multifaceted aspects of racial issues and presents practical measures for promoting healing and reconciliation. Morrison commences her story by recounting her expedition toward understanding and striving for racial reconciliation. She admits that racism is deeply embedded in American society, and individuals and communities must address it actively. She stresses that genuine reconciliation necessitates a steadfast commitment to justice, modesty, and empathy.

The book is structured into three distinct parts. The first part is titled "The Bridge to Lament." This section lays the groundwork for the rest of the book, exploring the history of race in America and the systemic injustices faced by people of color. Morrison uses the Bible as an outline for this section, highlighting the themes of grief, loss, and lament. She argues that before true reconciliation can occur, it is essential to acknowledge and lament the pain and suffering caused by racism and discrimination. In this part, Morrison further discussed "The Power of Truth." She explained, "Truth has always been evaluated from various perspectives, depending on whether one is the teller or the listener, the winner or the loser, the dominant party or the

marginalized."<sup>1</sup> During her conversation with the "Be The Bridge" group, Morrison discussed the concept of discovery liberation by embracing truth, emphasizing the significance of historical truth in comprehending the origins of our present-day racial conflicts.

One of the key strengths of this narrative is Morrison's ability to engage with the reader on a personal and emotional level. She is honest and vulnerable about her struggles with racism and prejudice and encourages readers to confront their biases and assumptions in a similarly open and honest way. This approach helps to create a sense of empathy and connection between the reader and the author, which makes the book more compelling and impactful.

Another strength of this book is that it is grounded in both biblical teachings and real-world experience, and she provides a wealth of resources and references for readers who want to learn more or get involved in the work of racial justice. Perhaps the most powerful aspect of Morrison's book is her unwavering commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ as the foundation for racial reconciliation. Morrison highlights "The Power of Forgiveness," which she states is "The first step in forgiveness extended to us, for all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God."<sup>2</sup> I mostly agreed with her views on the power of forgiveness. I believe "Practicing forgiveness doesn't mean simply ignoring or glossing over the evil and injustice we've experienced. It also doesn't mean that we deny or spiritualize away feelings of anger or grief, the normal emotions of a wounded heart."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>. Latasha, Morrison. *Be The Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*. (Colorado Springs: WaterBrook, 2019), 21.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 106

<sup>3</sup>. Ibid., 107

Natasha Morrison's narrative "Be the Bridge" acts as a guide that urged me to assess my current beliefs and comprehension of the gospel about the topics of race and justice. It serves as a reminder for me to persist in the task of introspection and to confront any possible way in which I may be involved in unforgiveness. This is an insightful book, and it is another added valuable tool for my personal and spiritual growth as I persist in the work of the Kingdom of God, particularly regarding understanding and combating systems of oppression.

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