

A scenic view of a stone arch bridge over a river in a forest with autumn foliage. The bridge is made of dark stone and has a decorative metal railing. The water is calm and reflects the bridge and the surrounding trees. The trees have some autumn-colored leaves, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

*Welcome to*

# *The Bridge*

**Belonging, Believing,  
Becoming**



NEW  
*year*

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FRESH  
*start*



# EXPECTATIONS

ACTS 4:30



- What kind of expectations do you have for 2018?
- I'm talking about spiritual expectations.
- Resolution One: I will live for God
- Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.



# 1. “*Stretch out your hand...*”

- Whenever we read about the “Hand of God” in the scriptures it nearly always refers to God’s power...
- God does not and will not change the world just because He is able.



- So when the early church prayed “*Lord stretch out Your hand...*”, they were saying, *Lord use us!*
- They were calling on the *name* of the Lord to reveal His power on earth through them.



## 2. *to heal...*

- In order to understand that, we have to understand that the work of the cross not only appropriated our salvation, but that our *healing* was included.



- This is not referring to spiritual healing but to *physical* healing.
- Appropriating faith cannot go beyond one's knowledge of the *revealed* will of God.
- It is just as much God's will to heal the *body* as it is to heal the *soul*.



### 3. *perform signs and wonders...*

- When the crowds heard Philip and saw the signs he performed, they all paid *close attention* to what he said.



## 4. “ *through the name of your holy servant Jesus.*”

- Praying in the name of Jesus is not some magical *incantation* that makes things happen.
- The power comes through our faith as we *stand* in *agreement* with God’s word for our lives.