



DATE: 11-27-2008

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

# Building Bridges

LENGTH: 30 minutes Single, Teen and Mom



ISSUES INCLUDED BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

Mrs. Gladney's indelible spirit for community affairs has afforded her to work in the political arena for the late Congressman Julian C. Dixon and as well as being appointed a commissioner under Assembly member Mervyn Dymally. For many years, she has extended herself to the community through her local cable talk show, "Building Bridges with Wendy Gladney" which has helped others overcome personal issues in their lives. Wendy is also a featured weekly guest speaker on KJLH 102.3's Front Page with Dominique DiPrima, Friday mornings at 5:00am. Her dedication to the Los Angeles community is exhibited in all that she does, such as producing dynamic events supporting Los Angeles based businesses and venues, being the Event Essentials Editor for Save-the-Date magazine and a contributing writer for the Black Business Association Newspaper.

*Becoming a foster parent involves reaching out to love a child.*

## Wendy Gladney comments:

Everyone wants to feel loved, forgiven, valued, and treated fairly. Love is characterized as being patient, and kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1 Corinthians 13, The New International Bible version).

### Jesus Christ Teaches Love

Jesus Christ has a dynamic yet simple message of love, peace, and forgiveness for a world troubled with anger, distrust, and hostility. He tells us that God is love, universal love for all people (1 John 4:7-12). This God of love requires that all people should love one another (see: Mark 12:29-31).

Christ Jesus says that the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:20,21). God's kingdom is one of love, grace, and truth. It is a present spiritual experience in which human sin, jealousy, greed, violence and selfishness can be replaced by thoughts and acts of love, compassion, and forgiveness.

### Make The Choice To Love

Love is a decision. You can choose to love. Love covers a multitude of sins. Love frees you and me from the bondage of self-hate, inferiority complex, and negative vibrations and impulses to our body, mind, and spirit. Love heals and blesses.

You can choose to love – and – not hate. Why don't you tell and show someone that you love them by your words and actions of love, care, compassion, forgiveness and kind deeds.

### Empowerment Points

- God is love
- God loves you
- God forgives you of wrongs
- Ask God and his spirit to come into your heart and teach you how to love: Him, yourself, and others.
- Love is a decision
- You can choose and will yourself to love