



Flood Blantyre

Awakening a City of Hope

Our mission is to serve the city in love and faith with authentic connections to develop a movement of hope filled people rooted in Yesu



RELATIONSHIP GOALS



Do not be troubled

Hope in God

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:4 - 12

The Gap Instinct. Our tendency to divide things into two distinct and often conflicting groups with an imagined gap between them (e.g. *us* and *them*).

The Negativity Instinct. Our tendency to notice the bad more than the good (e.g. believing that things are getting worse when things are actually getting better).

The Straight Line Instinct. Our tendency to assume that a line will just continue straight and ignoring that such lines are rare in reality.

The Fear Instinct. Our hardwired tendency to pay more attention to frightening things.

The Size Instinct. Our tendency to get things out of proportion, or misjudge the size of things (e.g. we systematically overestimate the proportions of immigrants in our countries.)



10 Instincts that Distort our Perspective: Ron Gosling



The Generalization Instinct. Our tendency to mistakenly group together things or people, or countries that are actually very different.

The Destiny Instinct. The idea that innate characteristics determine the destinies of people, countries, religions, or cultures; that things are as they are because of inescapable reasons.

The Single Perspective. Our tendency to focus on a single cause or perspective when it comes to understanding the world (e.g. forming your worldview by relying on the media, alone).

The Blame Instinct. Our tendency to find a clear, simple reason for why something bad has happened.

The Urgency Instinct. Our tendency to take immediate action in the face of perceived imminent danger, and in doing so, amplifying our other instincts.



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“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also”.



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”.

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”



John 14:1-3; Philippians 4:6; John 16:33



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1. **Jesus knows it's complicated**
 2. **Jesus provides**
 3. **Jesus has overcome**

Next steps

1. Be kind and patient by sharing facts about Corona
2. Lift up your troubles to Jesus – pray to Jesus in faith
3. Serve others