

Those Who Love You

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The Game Plan

1. Love God
2. Love others
3. Share the Good News

So...what do
you guys do?



1. Family – from 5 to 16 people



2. Churches – preaching and teaching;
leadership, food distribution



3. Youth and young adults – coaching,
discipleship and mentoring



4. Outreach to Muslims –
refugees and community
leaders

Trauma Informed Care (Syrian
Wellness Initiative)
Community youth events
Education (school age – college;
citizenship; culture)

Bible basis - mentoring

2 Timothy 2:1,2 “You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”



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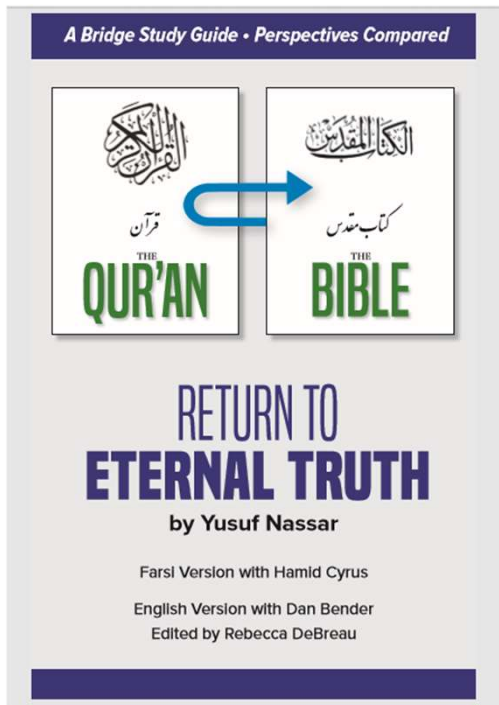
Biblical basis – the other circles

Matthew 5:43 - 47 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall **love** your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, **Love** your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you **love** those who **love** you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”









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English, Arabic and Farsi

*Our one-year project to promote complete
healing in the Syrian Community*



What am I learning?

1. People are becoming desperate for real and meaningful relationships – even if they don't know it.

2. Real relationships take time, love, grace, patience and lots of emotional energy. Results are up to God... not ME.

3. Opinion: This is the only way to correctly share the Good News with someone, especially those outside of...





Malak – she was only 8 years old



Opportunities for EFCI and 1.5

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2. Opportunities

- **Training**
- **Short-term trips**
- **Relationship-building connections**