



Most people are Lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

I took this photo Saturday Morning about 6:30. I have always called this Round Lake (Because it is almost a perfect circle), it is where Alabama Highway 9 meets Choccolocco Road. As you can tell by looking at the water, the wind is calm and there is a mist hovering over the surface. The sun is just rising in the east and the sky is full of color. It was a glorious way to begin the day.

I loved the way this dock spoke to me as I looked at the sun rising over its boards. His voice was so friendly as he invited me to come and meet the lake. He said, "Rick, this is RoLa (**R**ound **L**ake) would you like to meet her?" And being the gentleman that I am, what could I say? "Of course I do, I am so glad to finally get down here to meet you". Today RoLa and I have a special relationship, because Mr. Dock built a bridge between us.

We should be like Mr. Dock, always looking for ways to bring people together. Let our hands be the first to reach out to the lonely, let our voice be heard welcoming and inviting, let our feet travel to the forgotten, let our eyes look for opportunities to serve and let our shoulders be strong and supportive when our neighbor has a burden.

Today, build a bridge for somebody who looks lonely. Search for ways to make a connection with that person who is standing on the outside looking in. You might find that the person who benefits most from the bridge is you. Give it a try. What do you have to lose?

Something to think about:

- ❖ The deepest need of man is the need to overcome his separateness, to leave the prison of his aloneness.
- ❖ There is none more lonely than the man who loves only himself.
- ❖ A friend is one who helps you bridge the gaps between loneliness and fellowship, frustration and confidence, despair and hope, setbacks and success.

Your friend

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