



Deep Truths
A JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

Romans 16:1-19

UNEXPECTED CONNECTIONS



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ROMANS 16:9-15

An underwater photograph showing a wooden staircase descending from the surface into a vibrant coral reef. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through the surface, creating shimmering patterns. The coral is diverse and colorful, ranging from light green to deep blue. The wooden steps are weathered and lead down towards the reef.

Greet one another
with a holy kiss.
All the churches
of Christ send
greetings.

ROMANS 16:16

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A wooden staircase leads up a hillside towards a large crowd of people. The scene is bathed in a blue, ethereal light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text 'THE CHURCH IS FULL OF REAL PEOPLE AND UNEXPECTED CONNECTIONS' is overlaid in a white, serif font across the center of the image.

THE CHURCH IS FULL OF REAL
PEOPLE AND UNEXPECTED
CONNECTIONS



MEET REV. DR.
MUNTHER ISAAC



JUSTICE

If our theology trumps the biblical ethical teachings of Jesus of love, equality and justice, then *we must rethink our theology!*

A wooden staircase leads up to a large crowd of people on a hillside. The background shows a large crowd of people on a hillside, suggesting a significant gathering or event. The scene is set outdoors with a clear sky and a large crowd of people on a hillside in the background.

WHAT CONNECTIONS AND STORIES OF
THE WIDER CHURCH HAVE I BEEN
BLESSED WITH?



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A wooden staircase descends from the surface into a vibrant, colorful underwater reef scene. The water is clear and blue, with various coral and marine life visible. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

LEVERAGE YOUR
CONNECTIONS FOR THE
SAKE OF OTHERS

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A wooden staircase leads up a hillside towards a large crowd of people. The scene is bathed in a blue, ethereal light, and the overall image has a torn-paper edge effect at the bottom. The text is centered over the middle of the image.

HOW CAN I LEVERAGE MY
CONNECTIONS FOR THE SAKE OF
THE BODY OF CHRIST?



¹⁷ I urge you, brothers and sisters, to **watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way** that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. ¹⁸ For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. ¹⁹ Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.

An underwater scene showing a large wooden boat sinking into the ocean. The boat is tilted and partially submerged, with its hull and deck visible. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the seabed is covered in coral reefs. The text "WE NEED TO PROTECT THIS GIFT!" is overlaid in white, serif font across the center of the image.

WE NEED TO PROTECT
THIS GIFT!

The image is a conceptual composition. The top half shows a wooden staircase leading up a grassy hillside towards a large crowd of people. The bottom half is an underwater scene with a wooden staircase leading down into a deep blue sea with coral reefs. A white horizontal line separates the two scenes, and the text is centered across this line.

HOW DO I PROTECT THE UNITY AND
DIVERSITY OF THE CHURCH?