

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

in honor of Ron Mathieu

# Beyond All Barriers

2 Corinthians 5:14-20; Ephesians 2:1-18

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1. High and ho - ly un - seen God, So pure and far a -  
2. Now Your mer - cy calls to us To share what we re -  
3. None can be too far a - way, And none too near at

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bove, We were lost and dead in sin, But  
ceived, Out be - yond these un - seen walls To  
hand. All can know Your lov - ing touch, Can

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noth - ing blocks Your love. Ev - 'ry bar - rier  
prove what we be - lieve. See, the bar - riers  
feel and un - der - stand. May the liv - ing,

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$A\flat$   $B\flat^9$   $E\flat^2$   $E\flat$   $G$   $Cm$   $Gm$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $Gm$   $A\flat$   $Fm^6$   
 $A\flat$   $A\flat$   $G$   $G$   $B$   $B\flat$   $A\flat$   $G$

fell be - fore Com - pas - sion's burn - ing flame.  
 all are gone! We'll live - sion's burn - ing flame.  
 lov - ing Christ Be - come the God they know.

$E\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $Fm^7$   $A\flat$   $B\flat^7$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $Gm$   $A\flat$   $Fm^9$   $B\flat^7sus$   $B\flat^7E\flat^7sus$   $E\flat^7sus$   $E\flat$   
 $G$   $F$   $E\flat$   $D$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $F$   $G$   $C$

Ev - 'ry wall was bro - ken down. When mer - cy called, You came.  
 Fear and com - fort will not rule. Love calls, and we will go.  
 Lead us, Fa - ther, ev - 'ry - where Your lov - ing heart would go.

TOPICS: God's Love; Missions/Evangelism; Serving in Christ's Name

LEAD-IN: *Now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near. (Ephesians 2:13-18, NASB)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Cross Every Barrier

Transcendent God,  
 unseen God,  
 high and holy God,  
 You have broken down every barrier between  
 You and  
 us.  
 You have come to us and  
 made Yourself  
 fully,  
 humbly,  
 humanly one with us.

As You are now one with us,  
we are one with You.  
We share Your life.  
We share Your love.  
Within our hearts is the love that  
breaks down every barrier and  
crosses every boundary.  
No human being is off-limits to Your great compassion.  
No one is too unlovely.  
No one is too sinful.  
No one is too needy.

Father, live that love through us.  
You have broken down every barrier.  
May we let none of those old barriers stand in our way—  
not race or religion,  
not language or geography,  
not culture or education,  
not sexual orientation or social status,  
not comfort, self-centeredness, or fear.  
You are the Father of us all, and  
Your almighty love respects no boundaries.  
Make us bold in You,  
loving in You,  
joyful in You,  
ever sacrificing ourselves freely, completely to You.

O great Father of all,  
lead us everywhere Your love longs to go.