Operation Friend Day - 2

Everyone needs a friend to their destiny. God wants His church to be that friend.

"Then the master said to the servant, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Luke 14:23 NKJV

The empty chair

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 2:4-6 NIV

Where you sit in life matters

- 1. THE EMPTY CHAIR IS SYMBOLIC OF **WHO IS MISSING**.
- **2.** THE EMPTY CHAIR IS A **CALL TO ACTION.** (Luke 15:1-32)

"When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?' 'Sir,' the invalid replied, 'I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred.'"

John 5:6-7 NIV

"And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate."

Acts 12:13-14 NKJV

3. HELPING GOD FILL THE EMPTY CHAIR BLESSES US.

"Then He also said to him who invited Him, 'When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind."

Luke 14:12-13 NKJV

"The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

Job 29:13 NKJV

"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

Romans 10:14-15 NIV

4. HELPING GOD FILL THE EMPTY CHAIR BLESSES OTHERS.

"My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins."

James 5:19-20 NIV

"He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."

1 John 3:8 NIV

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30 NIV