

Give Me the Closest Helicopter

Read Psalm 145:14-21

Encouragement for the day – *“The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”*

Psalm 145:18 ESV

As we were sitting around the firehouse one early morning drinking coffee a neighboring department received a call for a motor vehicle accident. This one sounded serious right from the dispatch. As units began marking up on the scene, we could tell it would be difficult. The department reported a head-on two-car accident with entrapment and multiple patients. The incident commander told the dispatchers to give them the closest helicopter. The nearest trauma center is over an hour away and it is important to get them started as quick as possible. After a lengthy extrication period all the patients were transported to the hospital.

God desires to have a thriving relationship with His people. The Psalmist reminds us that He is always available, and He answers everyone who calls on Him in truth. God never forces Himself on anyone though, He is always righteous and kind to those who love Him. Sadly, many Christian firefighters and first responders wait until they are in real trouble before they talk with God. Many try to go through life on their own using God as a rapid intervention team to call when needed. We are encouraged to regularly talk with God through prayer and He will preserve all those who love Him. Are you in trouble today? Is life not working out the way you thought it should? Call on God for help and be assured He will come to your rescue.

Lord, thank you for being there when I need you most. Help me to have that thriving relationship that points others to you.

Encouragement comes in many forms, chose one and get busy!!