

Rescue from Above

Speaker Ron Hutchcraft tells about a news story that gained worldwide attention a few years ago – an earthquake that rocked the mountain kingdom of Nepal.

“Thousands of people lost their lives,” Hutchcraft said. Many more found their world, their homes, actually their very lives wiped away.

Those who survived the quake faced the prospect of dying in the aftermath.

“For example, there were climbers on Mt. Everest trapped on the mountain by massive avalanches,” he related. “Eighteen of them died when part of Everest collapsed on their base camp. There were 140 surviving climbers, but when they tried to go down through the escape route, it was impossibly blocked by fallen rocks. And as time passed, their food was running out.”



But then, when it looked as if they would all perish, “there was a wonderful sound in the sky,” Hutchcraft said. “Helicopters. One after another, these helicopters somehow landed on that mountain, saving those climbers, taking out two at a time.”



One 27-year-old man named Rishi was trapped beneath a collapsed hotel, lying amidst the stench of dead bodies for 82 hours under mountains of concrete.

“He was running out of hope,” Hutchcraft continued. “Then, after 10 hours of digging through concrete, the rescuers broke through. Rishi is alive, the climbers are alive. Why? Because the rescuers came.”

One six-letter word, he said, was the difference between life and death for the men on the mountain and the man in the rubble. “That six-letter word was *Rescue*.”

In a real sense, that is what our work in Life Care and Century Park is about: Rescue.

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Men and women come to us with a variety of physical needs, seeking hope and a helping hand – to lift them up, to rescue them from desperate circumstances beyond their control.

In the spiritual realm, hope for us depended on a rescuer from above. At the spiritual crossroads of our lives, we were trapped in a place where we would have died. Except our rescuer, Jesus, the one called Savior by millions of people around the world, came.

He came to rescue us at the cost of His life.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen (Galatians 1:3-5 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter