



REIMAGINING CHURCH



ARE WE STILL
SAVING
LIVES?







THE CHAOTIC HOTEL OF RADICAL HOSPITALITY.

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— CLERGY PERSON OF ST. PAUL'S

START THINKING:
HOW ARE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
LIKE FIREFIGHTERS?



Firefighters, like those who are followers of Jesus, step forward to serve the community.



When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

— MATTHEW 9:36-38

**Followers of Jesus, like firefighters,
respond when the siren calls us to duty.**



**I was hungry and you gave me
something to eat, I was thirsty
and you gave me something to
drink, I was a stranger and you
invited me in, I needed clothes and
you clothed me, I was sick and you
looked after me, I was in prison
and you came to visit me.**

— MATTHEW 25:35-36

**Followers of Jesus, like firefighters, run toward
the difficulty rather than away from it.**









**I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down
his life for the sheep. Others
run away because they care
nothing for the sheep.**

— JOHN 10:11-12

**Followers of Jesus, like firefighters,
are common people with uncommon courage.**



When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that they had been with Jesus.

— ACTS 4:13

**Followers of Jesus, like firefighters,
sacrifice for the lives of others.**



**This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives
for our brothers.**

—1 JOHN 3:16

**Followers of Jesus, like firefighters,
find their camaraderie in the mission.**



If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

—PHILIPPIANS 2:1-2

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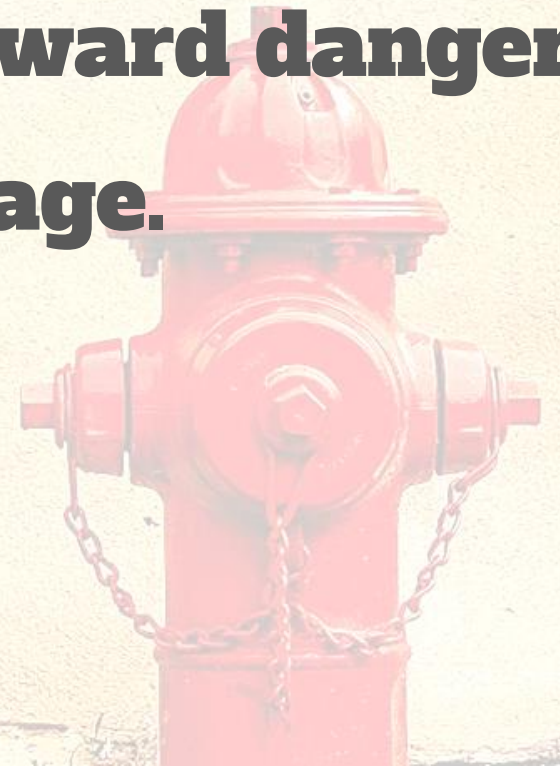
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 - * **that finds fellowship in the mission.**



Indelible Marks Become a Symbol

When St. Paul's Chapel opened its doors to the tired and weary Ground Zero workers after the September 11 attacks, there had been no time to prepare. During the late night hours, when workers needed a place to rest and sleep, they first stretched out on the Chapel's pews, often wearing heavy gear and boots. As they dozed and turned, trying to catch a few hours of sleep before returning to the pit, their gear scratched the pews.

In 2007, the pews were removed to make the Chapel's main space more open and inviting to regular congregants and visitors. Most worship services now take place on the floor. This pew remains as an example of how the pews looked then.

