

Sermon Notes**Availability: Making Room for Others in Crisis**

The only thing worse than being in pain, is being alone while in pain.

John 13:34 (NIV) A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Romans 5:6-8 (NASB) For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Galatians 6:2 (NIV) Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Why do we miss "availability opportunities" when people are in crisis?

- 1. We don't know what to say or do.**
- 2. A crisis can take up time, and never happens at the 'right' time.**
- 3. We don't really recognize that someone is in a crisis**

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Why is a crisis a powerful relational opportunity?

How available are you?

Is there someone near you in a crisis?

How can you take a step towards being available to them?