THE MESSAGE OF THE THREE CHAIRS

Hebrews 2:1 and 2 Timothy 1:12-14 and Romans 12:11

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Starter: A pattern is defined as a 'regularity in the world, in human-made design or in abstract ideas'. What patterns have you seen in your life to this point? What has your experience been like changing those patterns? Who was influential in helping change negative or establish positive patterns?

Discussion:

1. There were three chairs on the stage. What did each of them represent? Pastor Mark suggested that every individual and church (Movement, Monument, Mausoleum) occupies one of those chairs. Do you agree? Why?
2. **Read Hebrews 2:1 NIV** What does this verse suggest about our natural tendency as humans with something we hear?
3. **Read Joshua 24:14-15 and 24 NIV, Judges 2:7 and Judges 2:8-12a** Recalling the chair analogy and these verses identify the 'drift' pattern that emerges in the nation of Israel (within ONE generation). Can you relate this pattern to your own life? How?
4. There is HOPE! There is Possibility! **Read 2 Timothy 1:1-2 NIV, 2 Timothy 1:5-14** Review the 7 keys to preventing the 'drift pattern' [Realize, Remember, Recall, Remind, Rekindle, Refuse, and Recommit]
5. Who were the key figures in young Timothy's life? Who are the individuals in your life over whom your beliefs and practices have influence? Referring to verse 6 of 2 Timothy 1 what is your responsibility? What sorts of habits and behaviors can we do to see that [fan into flame the gift of God] happen?
6. **Reread verses 12-14 of 1Timothy 1** Paul refers to a different kind of pattern. What is he referring to and how can it be guarded?
7. As a benediction consider reading together and over one another **Psalm 71:18 and Psalm 78:4, 6&7.**

Diving Deeper

- Take honest stock of which 'chair' [zero, ½ and ½ or 100% commitment to Christ] you occupy. Consider accepting His invitations: John 3:16, Matthew 11:28, John 15:4, and Mark 1:17 and making Jesus not only your Saviour but your Lord as well.
- If you know you're 'drifting' that's good news! You are paying attention. Now, ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth as Jesus promised. Find a group of people who commit to pray for you as you grow and establish pattern of faith and love in Jesus Christ.