

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Sunday Morning 10-23-2016
The first in a 3 part series on God's House - the Ultimate Fixer Upper
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Series Introduction:

Chip and Joanna Gaines own and operate Magnolia Homes, a remodeling and design business in Waco, Texas. They also host a television program called "Fixer Upper." They save homes that look hopeless, renovating the imperfect, and revealing them as what they were always intended to be

Jesus works to restore God's House. It's the Ultimate Fixer Upper.

God's house is not a building. God's house is constructed of people like you and me. We are God's house.

Jesus sees the potential in dilapidated persons like us. He takes our lives that look hopeless, renovates our imperfections, our hurts, hang-ups and habits to reveal what God always intended for us to be.

A Jilted Bride and a Banquet for the Needy

The mother of the bride came up with the idea of hosting people who were homeless or in need at what was intended to have been the wedding dinner. "It was a fabulous night, a great evening," the bride's father said. He talked to several the guests and listened to stories of the difficulties they have faced.

A Vision Drives Helping the Destitute

Heidi Baker serves the poor in the African nation of Mozambique. She writes about a vision she had.

I heard the Lord say, "Wake up, Church! Wake up, Church! The feast is about to begin! The poor have not yet been called, and My house is not yet full. I want My house to be full!"

"I've worked in the garbage dump ever since, and many hundreds of children and youth have met the Lord and are being fed physical and spiritual bread."

God's Promises and His Work

One of those promises included sharing a great feast with his people. It's often called a wedding feast. God's people are looking forward to the time when this promise is completely fulfilled.

Luke 14:15-24 NIV

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God." Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of

the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' " 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' "

Sermon in a Sentence:

God always makes room for you - and more - in his house.

Application Question:

On a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is having enough of God's love to feel good about yourself and 10 being so full of his love that it shapes everything you do, what's the temperature of your desire to fill God's house?

Will you pray that Jesus' love would raise the temperature of your desire to fill God's house by one degree?

Will you pray that your experience of Jesus' love would make you willing to have your temperature raised one degree?