

This little story explains the whole concept of Prayer Ministry!

Two Horses Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing ... looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is wonderful. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray. When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives To help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse, being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way. Good friends are like that. You may not always see them, but you know they are always there.

Among the great and glorious gifts our heavenly Father sends
Is the gift and understanding that we find in FAITHFUL loving friends.
For in this world of trouble that is filled with anxious care
Everybody needs a friend in whom they're free to share

The little secret heartaches that lay heavy on their mind,
Not just a mere acquaintance but someone who's just our kind.
For, somehow in this generous heart of loving faithful friends
The good God in his charity and wisdom always sends
A sense of understanding and power of perception
and mixes these fine qualities with kindness and affection.

So when we need some sympathy or a friendly hand to touch,
or an ear that listens tenderly and speaks words that mean so much,
We seek our true and trusted friend in the knowledge that we'll find
A heart that's sympathetic and an understanding mind...
And often without a word there seems to be a union
of thoughts and kindred feelings for God gives true friends communion.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours. And remember...

Be kinder than necessary- Everyone you meet is fighting Some kind of battle.
EACH OF US IS A VITAL THREAD IN ANOTHER PERSON'S TAPESTRY. OUR LIVES ARE WOVEN TOGETHER FOR A REASON.