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GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT: FLETCHER PRICE

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Many may recognize him either from the trending tweet hashtags #fletchsays and #fletchthecatch, or from the "Summer of Fletcher" music video that went viral in early July. Fletcher Price is a graduate of Northwest University who recently sat down with *The Talon* to discuss post-grad life, particularly community, calling, and commitment.

Community

Isaac Peabody's music video gives a glimpse of community, an aspect of Price's post-grad life that is important to him. Price talked about some of the struggles of transitioning from college community to "real world" community life.

"While at NU, community is literally right at your door," said Price. "There's people all around you. But that's not necessarily something you have after graduating. It requires some intentionality, very much so."

Being intentionally involved in community isn't always easy outside of the NU bubble, but Price discussed some ways he has made it work well for him.

"You have to find your rhythm, because you're working full-time, and so are they. But the thing is, when you go out of your way to, say, grab lunch with someone after church, they are just as hungry for that community and fellowship as you are. It makes it all the sweeter and wonderful when you can begin to interact with the little pockets of community around you," said Price.

Price has a fairly uncommon living space shared with other NU graduates. According to him, this supports his community and spiritual life.

"The wonderful thing about living with godly men is knowing that they are in the Bible, pleading with God, and drawing closer to one another every day. We may never pull out the guitar and sing "Kumbaya," and it is rare that we pray with each other, but there are moments when we do. And all that brings glory to God."

Calling

Price double majored in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministries while here at NU, and currently works as a youth leader at Reach Church in Kirkland. He talked about his calling using a hobby of his as an illustration: carpentry.

"There were a lot of little pieces of wood that came together to build the chair (my calling). The chair wasn't just given to me upon graduating, but rather it was built with all these little lessons and experiences. One of these pieces was my time spent as an RA."

Price attributes the time he spent as an RA as preparation for what he is doing today.

"I went from being a commuter for my first two years to diving nose deep into community, falling in love with it, and getting tons of friends. Soon after I became an RA of 500. Sometimes at night I would look down the hall at all the closed doors and think 'There are

two freshman boys sleeping in each of those rooms who I'm responsible for.' Now, I'm responsible for many more kiddos at Reach, but it is the same feeling."

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Commitment

Price works part-time at Reach, when he is not working for a local window and gutter cleaning company. He discussed some of the nuances of navigating multiple responsibilities.

"That's the thing about post-grad life, it's very transient and mobile. Being bi-vocational and doing multiple things can be stressful."

Juggling multiple jobs at once can make for a hectic work week, but Price manages it. According to Macray Jerome, a current NU RA, he is a "man of honor, grace, and collectedness who never falls apart before you. A rock of a friend, mentor, and support system."

Price's commitment to community and calling show the advantages of each. He gave some advice for current students, especially first-year students.

"Don't stress about your major. Everything honestly works out. God is sovereign and in control, and if anything should bring relief, it's knowing that life isn't all about us."

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