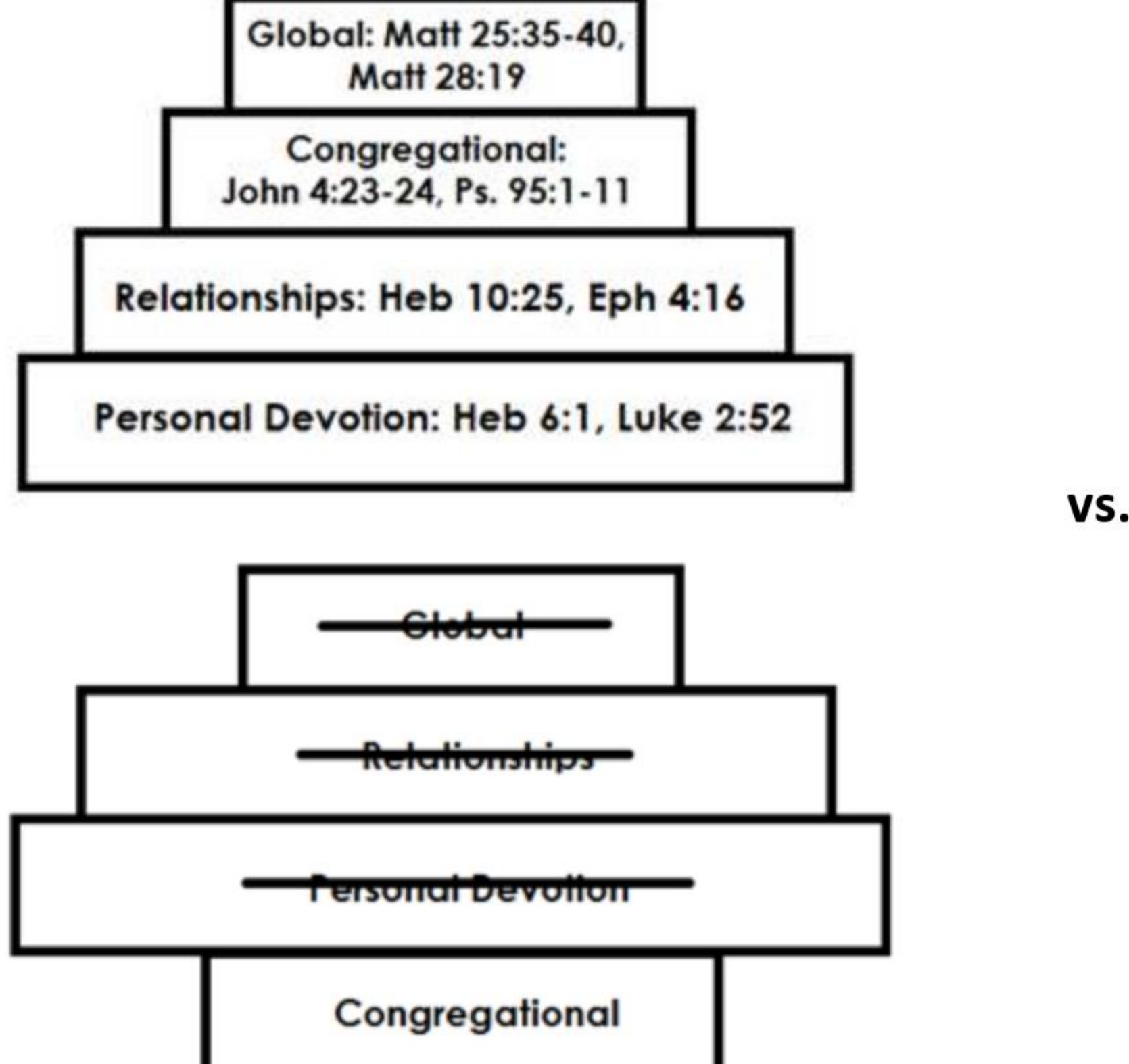


Dear NU Community,

This past week, I had lunch with a student who expressed some thoughts on chapel, based on conversations he'd had with his floormates. The perspectives he shared prompted me to reflect on the role that chapel and church play in our lives, and I'd love to share some of my thoughts with you.

I believe that Christian spiritual formation is a process, and that it begins with our personal relationship with God. In this relationship, we find our identity in Jesus Christ, we study God's Word deeply, we communicate with Him in prayer, and we learn how He calls us to live. Once that personal relationship is established, we can begin to grow in relationships with other Christians that encourage us on our faith journey. Out of the riches of what God shows us in our personal devotional life and our relationships with the body of Christ, we come together as a congregation to *celebrate and worship Him*. And from this place of worship, we go out to the world to make God's name further known.

An unsustainable form of spiritual formation occurs when we put chapel or church as the foundation of our spiritual growth. These congregational gatherings cannot sustain us spiritually or provide the depth of relationship with God and others that we are called to. If we come to chapel or church looking around at others, or using those times as our only source of spiritual food for our week, we will end up hungry for real relationship with Him, and missing the opportunity to *worship Him and celebrate what He has done as a community of believers*. We may even find that we have nothing to celebrate in times of congregational worship because we haven't communed with God outside of chapel or church.



I pray that all of us will be deeply enriched and amazed by what we discover of God in His Word, through prayer, in fellowship, and by communing with the Spirit. And I pray that we would give Him our whole attention and come before Him with a heart of celebration when we gather together in worship.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Mon, Feb 20 | UNIVERSITY CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY
- Wed, Feb 22 | Chapel: NUSG Elections | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am
- Wed, Feb 22 | Brew with the Blue | The Aerie, 7pm
- Thurs, Feb 23 | Last Lecture: Amy Jones | Perks Lounge, 7pm
- Fri, Feb 24 | Chapel: Dr. Clint Bryan | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am
- Fri, Feb 24 | Immigration Symposium | HSC 104, 9am-4pm
- Fri, Feb 24 | Lost Kites Film Screening* | HSC 104, 6:30PM *Spiritual Life Credit Offered

Grab a free cup of coffee and converse with officers from the Kirkland PD, to bless them and hear their stories.

BREW WITH THE BLUE

Where:
The Aerie

When:
Wednesday,
February 22 at
7pm

FREE COFFEE COMES WITH CONVERSATION

Have coffee with a police officer. Get to know the people that protect and serve our community.

Join the filmmakers of this new documentary that follows the story of three abandoned children for a viewing and Q&A.

A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS DOCUMENTARY

LOST KITES

THREE LIVES. ONE GLOBAL CALL.

Best Documentary Feature
NYLA International Film Festival
2016

NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY

6:30PM FEBRUARY 24

HEALTH & SCIENCES CENTER, 104

Q&A WITH FILMMAKER TO FOLLOW

ELOY PROJECT PRESENTS "LOST KITES" PRODUCED BY RAPHAEL COSTA DIRECTED BY MEGAN MEINECKE PRODUCED BY JEFF ROGERS
CO-PRODUCED BY KIRK WONG SCREENPLAY BY CASEY WALKER CO-EDITED BY GABRIELLA FRITZ DIRECTED BY SAMUEL RICH

You are invited to participate in any part of this timely one-day Immigration Symposium featuring a variety of experts and Mexican dignitaries.

IMMIGRATION IN UNCERTAIN TIMES:

GOALS FOR A NEW IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

SYMPOSIUM | FEBRUARY 24, 2017

Explore the topic of immigration and how it impacts society
Consider possible emerging policies and policy implications
The opening symposia of a series on the topic of immigration

Hosted by Northwest University, the symposia includes panel discussions by UNAM professors and High Officers of the Mexican Federal Government with a keynote address by Dr. Joseph Castleberry, author of *The New Pilgrims* and Dr. Francisco Trigo, UNAM Coordinator of International Relations and Affairs. Hosted in conjunction with Jorge Madrazo, SeaMar VP of Community Relations and UNAM PAME in Seattle.

With Special Guests:

- Mexican National Commission on Human Rights, Luis Raúl González Pérez (President) and Edgar Corzo
- Consul of Mexico in Seattle, Dr. Roberto Dondisch
- Mexican scholar from UNAM, Silvia Nuñez
- NW Immigrant Rights Project Executive Director, Jorge Barón
- Chicanos Por la Causa, Max González

Register and find more information at <http://www.northwestu.edu/register>

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Celebrating all that God is doing in our community,

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