

Dear NU Family,

As I was thinking about Easter this past week, my devotional reading took me to Deuteronomy 21:22-23. In this passage, we see God's legal basis for why Christ was put to death on the cross. The verses state, "If someone is guilty of a capital offense, they must be put to death and their body exposed on a pole; you must not leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because anyone who is hung on a pole is under God's curse". This is the same curse which Paul referred to in Galatians chapter 3, verse 10. Paul explains by saying, "Everyone who fails to keep all the laws of God is under a curse, this is the curse of the law".

My personal failure to live a life of total integrity means I have failed to keep the law. However, the wonderful news is that Jesus took the curse for me, and for you, on the cross. Hanging on the pole, he *became* the curse in order to *dissolve* the curse, so that we can be set free and receive the promise of the Spirit to enable us to lead lives of complete integrity (Galatians 3:14). My prayer for you this week is that you fully embrace the message of Easter and the freedom Christ provides from the curse of your past or the shame of your deepest secret. Jesus sees us as who we are becoming, not who we used to be!

Please pray this week for:

- Military tensions in North Korea and the Middle East
- Our leaders and government officials
- Friends in our community who are in a season of difficulty
- A continued sense of God's presence on our campus

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, April 17 | Chapel: Tyler Stovall | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, April 17 | Senior Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Tues, April 18 | Missions Fundraiser for Cambodia, Indonesia, and Thailand | Perks Lounge, 7pm

Wed, April 19 | Chapel: Awards & Honors | Butterfield Chapel, 10:40am ***Please note that this is a one-chapel schedule**

Fri, April 21 | Chapel: Missions Commissioning | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Come out for a fun and tasty night of learning about Cambodia, Indonesia, and Thailand, trying Asian-inspired food, and checking out the fun items these teams have for sale!

Missions Fundraiser

Thailand, Cambodia, and Indonesia Missions teams

The evening will include:

- Team Presentations
- Items for purchase (all proceeds go towards trips)
- Asian-inspired food

April 18 from 7-8:30pm in Perks Lounge

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With gratitude for Jesus' rescuing love,

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