

Dear NU Family,

In chapel on Friday, I was captivated by one of the songs we sing on a regular basis. Maybe you are like me where, when I'm singing songs in a congregational setting, I often get caught up in the melody and don't always focus on the lyrics. This time, though, Kari Jobe's "The Cause of Christ" captured my attention as we sang, especially the first few lines, "**The only thing I want in life is to be known for loving Christ; to build His church, to love His bride; and make His name known far and wide**". I am a bit of a crier, so as we sang and the message of the lyrics penetrated my spirit, tears came to my eyes. For me, it was truly a moment of recommitting to serving Jesus wholeheartedly. Do you ever have moments like this?

In 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul instructs a person to examine or test their faith, and then he says, "Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you?". If we have accepted Christ, then the Spirit of God lives in us. Paul goes on in the chapter to help us understand that the purpose of the presence of Christ in us is to build people (His Church) up, not to tear them down, and to encourage one another while living in peace. In that chapel moment, I recommitted myself to loving Christ, embracing his Spirit within me, building the church, and loving His bride (people). I am grateful for moments such as this, when the Lord reminds me (or tests me) about what I have really committed my life to.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Sept 18 | Chapel: Lynette Sorenson | Butterfield Chapel, 10 @ 11:20am

Mon, Sept 18 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, Sept 20 | Chapel: Brian McCormack | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Wed, Sept 20 | Staff & Faculty Chapel: JF Wilkerson | Butterfield Chapel, 3:40pm

Fri, Sept 22 | Chapel: Rick Engstrom | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Sun, Sept 24-Mon, Sept 25 | 24-Hour Prayer | Butterfield Chapel, 8pm-8pm

I pray you have a great week of building up His church and loving His bride.

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