

Dear NU Family,

In the past week or so, I overcame some of the biggest hurdles I've had so far in the process of completing my doctoral degree. As I have interacted with many of my colleagues who are in the same situation or who have recently finished a Ph.D., they have agreed that education is as much about perseverance as it is about anything else. J.R.R. Tolkien made this comment about perseverance: "So comes snow after fire, and even dragons have their endings." I am looking forward to the "snow".

In Galatians 6:9, Paul said to not become weary in doing good. In time, a harvest will come if I don't give up. I want to encourage you today to not give up in whatever challenge you are facing. Don't give up believing in people, don't give up learning, don't give up forgiving, don't give up being optimistic or enthusiastic, don't give up praying. In time, things do work out!

I want to share with you about two great resources for spiritual encouragement. One is our Northwest University podcast. If you were not in chapel last week to hear my friend, Pastor Brian McCormick, speak about the relevance of the Bible, it is worth hearing. [You can access all our podcasts here.](#)

Secondly, we have an excellent devotional this semester based on our "Follow" chapel series and written by our own NU faculty, staff, and students. [Click this link](#) – you will be inspired.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Sept 25 | 24-Hour Prayer | Butterfield Chapel, all day until 8pm

Mon, Sept 25 | Chapel: Hayley Hanford | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, Sept 25 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, Sept 27 | Chapel: Serve Day | Butterfield Chapel, 10:40am (one-chapel schedule)

Fri, Sept 29 | Chapel: Sylvia Stewart and Stephen Ishmael | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Have a blessed week!!

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