

Dear NU Family,

On a trip to Oregon this weekend to speak at a church and participate in a youth conference, I was driving down I-5 and came upon a convoy of fire trucks. It was actually a breathtaking site to pass the more than a dozen trucks heading south. The thought occurred to me to wonder if they were headed to California to help with the devastation which is occurring due to wildfires burning out of control. The next time I stopped driving, I did a brief Google search and my suspicion was confirmed. These trucks, with their crews, were racing to help the people of California. I recalled that when I passed the trucks, I noticed the names of the different cities each truck originated from, and the firefighters inside each vehicle, looking intent on their mission. The question crossed my mind: "Am I willing be this kind of person? Would I be willing to put myself in harm's way for the sake of others who are hurting? Would I be willing to be INCONVENIENCED for those that need hope?" I certainly want to be that kind of person, but I know there are times I struggle. With those thoughts echoing in my head, I felt the Lord speak to me and say, "Phil, this is what I have already done and continue to do in and through you through the work of the Holy Spirit". I am reminded of a great passage in John 14:27-28 regarding the work of the Holy Spirit: "But the **Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; my **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful".

People are in need. As a matter of fact, you may be the one who is in need. Your need might be emotional, physical, or spiritual. Perhaps you feel like those in California right now, with everything around you chaotic and devastating. I want to encourage you to bring all of that to the God who loves you, who cares about what you are going through, and who is ready to bring peace, comfort and guidance to your situation.

Jesus, I pray for those who are struggling in California with the devastation and the loss that has occurred. We certainly do not understand why these things happen but we trust you today to be a source of strength to those in need. In the same way, I pray for our community, especially for those who need peace and support. Be the helper that your word promises you to be. In Jesus name, amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Oct 16 | Chapel: Wesley Rodgers | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20AM

Mon, Oct 16 | Pursuit: McKinney Dawson | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30PM

Wed, Oct 18 | Chapel: Heath Adamson | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20AM

Thurs, Oct 19 - Fri, Oct 20 | NO CHAPEL – UNIVERSITY CLOSED FOR READING DAYS

Blessings,

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