

Dear NU Family,

For many years, Brenda and I stopped drinking coffee. However, last summer, while involved in a mission's trip to Italy, I had a cappuccino. It was a "when in Rome, do as the Romans do" moment. Since then, I have enjoyed the occasional fruit of the bean. This past week, I planned to enjoy such a moment and stopped into a coffee shop. I was standing in a line about ten people deep, watching the woman who was at the register help customers. What caught my attention the most was her disposition. She was disengaged. As people stepped up to give her their order, she didn't look at them. She kept her face down, her expression had little emotion, and she spoke with a whisper. At that moment, I heard a voice in my spirit say, "I am going to bless her through you." I didn't know what that meant, and I wasn't sure what was about to happen. As I stepped up to the counter, the woman looked up at me. I gave her a smile and a greeting. As I began to order my cappuccino, she interrupted me. She said, "Your face is different." If I had not been warned in my spirit, that comment might have caught me off guard. She continued, "Something is glowing around your face." With that, a smile came over her own face and we engaged in a short conversation. I left by telling her that God loves her. As I stepped away from the counter, drink in hand, and looked back at my new friend, our eyes made contact as she turned to the next customer in line with a beaming smile on her face.

Charles Spurgeon said, "A church in the land without the Spirit is rather a curse than a blessing. If you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way; you are a fruitless tree standing where a fruitful tree might grow." One of the most significant days in my own spiritual formation is the day I took a step of faith and embraced the Spirit of God in my life as described in Acts 1:8. Having relationship with the Holy Spirit in which He provides the power to do things you would otherwise not be able to do is a gift from God. I pray that you would also experience this opportunity and have God's Spirit working in you.

Jesus, send your Spirit in the same way that you did in the book of Acts. May we not only know the Spirit of God who sanctifies us, but may we also know the Spirit who gives us the strength to bring the hope of Jesus to those who need it most. In Jesus name, Amen!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

- Mon, Oct 30** | Chapel: Abby Stovall | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am
- Mon, Oct 30** | 24-Hour Prayer | Butterfield Chapel, till 8pm
- Mon, Oct 30** | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm
- Wed, Nov 1** | Chapel: Dave Thomas | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am
- Wed, Nov 1** | 500 Years Later: Reflections on the Reformation and Its Legacy Conference* | Argue HSC 104, 3:30-6:00pm ***Spiritual Life Credit Offered**
- Wed, Nov 1** | Historic Reformation-Era Worship Service* | HSC Fireside, 7:30pm ***Spiritual Life Credit Offered**
- Fri, Nov 2** | Chapel: Christian Dawson | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

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