

Dear Friends,

This week in our chapel gatherings, we will "re-hear" some of the significant passages of the Bible. I am so excited to have our community focus on passages of Scripture that have helped to lay the foundation for the Church we know today. Growing up in my dad's church, I would often hear the same Scripture over and over as he preached Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday nights. I realize today that it was the repetition that helped those passages find a deep place in my spirit.

A passage you will hear this week is regarding the love God has for people (John 3:16). Loving people so much, God gave the ultimate sacrifice, himself. This past week I reflected on the love of Christ. Often we determine our success in life by what we get—perhaps a good grade, a good paycheck, or a new friend. But it appears that Christ defined success by what he gave. Matthew tells us that when Jesus saw hurting, helpless people, he had “compassion” for them. The word compassion is the strongest word for love in the Greek language, otherwise defined as “guts”. It is used only of Jesus and translated as “he was gutted”; completely heartbroken. I don't know if I have ever felt so profoundly passionate about hurting people, but I want to be more like that.

*Jesus, I pray that your Spirit will come upon us so that we would be broken-hearted for the hurting people of this world. So many do not know the love of God. Help us be the messengers of HOPE you intend for us to be. In Jesus name, Amen.*

### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Mon, Jan 15** | UNIVERSITY CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

**Tues, Jan 16** | M.O.S.A.I.C. Discussion: Martin Luther King Jr: Did His Dream Come True?\* | Millard Theatre, 7:30pm **\*Spiritual Life Credit Offered**

**Wed, Jan 17** | Chapel: Dick Foth and Church Fair | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

**Wed, Jan 17** | Staff & Faculty Chapel: Dick Foth | Butterfield Chapel, 3:40pm

**Wed, Jan 17** | Leadership Preview Night | Argue HSC, 8:30pm

**Fri, Jan 19** | Chapel: Blaine Charette | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

**Sun, Jan 21-Mon, Jan 22** | 7 and 7 Prayer Gatherings | Butterfield Chapel, 7pm on Sunday night and 7am on Monday morning, gather for campus prayer

**NU Students, if you are interested in becoming a student leader in 2018-2019, join us at the Leadership Preview Night on Wednesday!**



In Christ,

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