

Dear NU Family,

Recently, while reading my Bible, I spent a few minutes in a familiar passage from Luke 1:5-25. If you haven't recently read it, I encourage you to spend a moment to be reminded of the birth of John the Baptist. Zachariah was John's father and his mother was Elizabeth, who was also the cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both Zachariah and Elizabeth were beyond the age of child bearing, so the birth of John was a miracle to begin with. God had a plan for them that went beyond what they could see at the present moment. Zachariah spent extended time in prayer in the temple, seeking a word from the Lord. Through that experience, God provided what seemed to be the impossible. Beyond the miracle, God used Zachariah and Elizabeth to fulfill his purpose of preparing the way for Jesus.

In a recent conversation with a pastor friend, he told me a story of his son who recently graduated from college. He had a job opportunity ready for him, but it was not the perfect situation. In conversation with his dad, he asked his son if he had prayed about the job before taking it. The son decided to take a week and focus his prayer on this job opportunity. After the week was over, he felt the job was not right and declined taking the job. One week later, another job opportunity came up. This job had better pay, a better working environment, and it utilized the exact degree skills he had acquired in college.

What is your impossible situation? Maybe God is waiting for you to press in a little more in prayer. Perhaps God's plan is to prepare you for something you could not imagine.

Jesus, help us to seek you first in all things and fully trust you for the outcome. Lord, you have a purpose and a plan for each one of us that is often bigger than we can see right now in our present situation. Help us believe for great things into our future. In Jesus name, Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, March 19 | Chapel: Morgan Green | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, March 19 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, March 21 | Chapel: Dr. Wayde Goodall | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Wed, March 21 | Staff & Faculty Chapel: Dr. Wayde Goodall | Butterfield Chapel, 3:40pm

Fri, March 23 | Chapel: Dr. Lenae Nofziger | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Sun, March 25 | Chic Chat & FellaShip | Butterfield Chapel & HSC 104, respectively, 7pm

In Christ,

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