

Dear NU Family,

I had an extraordinary thing happen to me this week. I don't usually dream, or at least I don't usually remember them, but this week, not only did I dream, but I imagined a portion of Scripture. The dream came out of Luke 13:7-11. I pictured Jesus invited to dinner with a prominent leader. Others were at the dinner as well, but they wanted to be noticed by the leader, so they strategically positioned themselves at the table. Then I heard Jesus say, "Don't position yourself in such a way to be noticed, because you might be embarrassed if you are sitting in someone else's seat. It is far better to be invited to a place of honor rather than position yourself and end up humiliated". I woke up the next morning with a surreal feeling. What came next was what made it so amazing!! Without realizing what passage my devotional would lead me to read, I spent the next several minutes in prayer and reading. The verses that I had just dreamt about was the same passage I ended up reading the very next morning. Basically, I dreamt the scripture that God was going to lead me to read. Let me just say, God got my attention!

It is likely the Holy Spirit did not speak this to me so that it would become a devotional thought for others. Rather, he did this because he is working in me and I need to listen. At the same time, I feel that it might be a good thought for our community as well. This passage in Luke becomes even more impactful in the Message version: "If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face. But if you're content to be simply yourself, **you will become more than yourself**".

For me, God has challenged me in a couple of ways. First, I need to make sure I stay in my lane. In other words, I want to do what God has called me to do, no more and no less. Second, I want to be the best me I can be. With God's Spirit working in us, our lives can make a difference as we walk in humility before him.

*Jesus, I pray that you will help us to walk humbly before you today. I pray that your spirit will continue to work in us individually and throughout our community. Help us prefer one another and show deference as we continue to build a life-giving community at Northwest University. In Jesus name, Amen.*

### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

**Mon, April 16** | Chapel: Ariel Brookbank | Butterfield Chapel Balcony, 10 & 11:20am

**Mon, April 16** | Senior Pursuit – FINAL PURSUIT OF THE SEMESTER | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

**Wed, April 18** | Awards & Honors Chapel\* | Butterfield Chapel, 10:40am **\*One-Chapel Schedule**

**Fri, April 20** | Chapel: Senior Speakers – College of Ministry (Zhaocong Fan) and College of Business (Andrew Bender) | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Blessings,

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