

Dear Friends,

As we arrive at the end of a great semester and academic year, I was recently reminded of what the ultimate goal in life really is. It is a goal that I have strived to live out for most of my adult life, but I recognize that there is still so much more to learn and do. Jesus gave this goal to His disciples as their ultimate mission: to love God and love people ([Matt. 22:37-39](#)). To love God and love people is the ultimate goal of the Christian life and one we must personally recall and remind each other of. From my perspective, it is also the ultimate purpose of Northwest University, and the reason people come to study here.

While traveling in Idaho last week, I encountered an individual that I have not seen for more than 20 years. When I first met him, he was a young man in the youth ministry where Brenda and I served. Last week, we met unexpectedly at a corporate gathering, and then set up a coffee meeting the next day to catch up. Today, my friend is faithfully serving Jesus, has a successful business in the fashion industry, and is married with wonderful young children. After our meeting, he sent this note that reminded me of the power of small actions of love:



Lord, I pray that You will continue to help us love You and love people well. Help us make a difference in the world as the Holy Spirit continues to speak to our hearts and as we walk in obedience. Amen.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

*We have no chapel or Pursuit gatherings this week, but we would love to continue praying for you! If you have any prayer needs or praise reports, text our anonymous prayer number: **206-486-4656**.*



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