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The Main Thing Devotional

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Ripples of Revival

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"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules." Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV.

Ripples of Revival

Last Friday evening I had the awesome privilege of watching six of our students baptized in the Hulsey Wellness Pool. Praise God! As we were making preparations, several expressed a bit of nervousness but overall, their faces shone bright with excitement. When the time came after Pastor MyRon's powerful message, all of us at Vespers (or viewing online) eagerly watched as Pastor Joseph led Sierra Dunzweiler, Leonardo Laroque, Bailie Parks, Nina Reno, Bailey Bryant, and Addison Garcia into the watery grave of baptism, dead to sin, and up into freedom!

"Alive in Christ" their smiles shouted! "I'm free! I'm new! I'm washed by His grace!"

Let me ask you: are *you* free? Does something have a hold on you? Maybe addiction, fear, shame, bitterness or resentment? The way to freedom is not to say: "I will not ___ [fill in the blank]." Any statement like this is out of our own willpower and effectively powerless to overcome any kind of sin. Instead, what would it look like to ask God for the desire and the power (Philippians 2:13) to be surrendered to God and allow Him to keep the promises He made to us in Ezekiel 36:25-27?

If you want to live free from anything that currently has its hold on you, if you want the baptism of the Holy Spirit in your life, if you want to be washed by grace and made new again today pray this prayer with me:

Heavenly Father, clean me from all my ugliness and sin. Give me a new heart and a new spirit. Take out my heart of stone and perform open heart surgery on me to give me a heart of flesh. God, put your spirit in me and cause me to walk in your statutes and obey your rules. On my own, I have no power. So I pray today - have your way with me. Transform me, set me free, and revive me I pray in your name, amen.

This week, as responsibilities and tasks are piled high and motivation rules low, may you be deeply blessed by keeping the Main Thing, the main thing in your life.

NEWS & RESOURCES

- **Pray:** Pray that the ripple effects of revival would be experienced in each heart and each life across our campus as Fall Week of Prayer has drawn to a close but many are pursuing a deeper walk with God.
- **Watch Revival Fall Week of Prayer:**
 - [Monday - Thursday, November 2-5.](#)
 - [Friday, November 6 Vespers.](#)

- **Need to talk to someone?** We encourage you to make an appointment with Chaplains [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#) if you need someone to talk to someone for support, prayer or have a desire to grow spiritually.
- **United in Prayer:** Every morning at the flag pole in front of Wright Hall from 8:15-8:30 (M-F), students, join with faculty, staff and students to specifically pray for an end to any racial division within our campus, our church, and our nation. For more information, feel free to contact [Stephanie Guster](#).