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Crazy Good

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When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." - Mark 3:21

People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do. These are the words once shared by Steve Jobs who revolutionized the digital world by making computers smaller, cheaper and user friendly – a crazy idea during the 1970's. No one wishes to be called crazy, but could it be that what the world calls *crazy* God calls *customary* in His kingdom. I think of students who decide to go on mission for God through their calling and life of service. I reflect on those who lost relationships because they pursued God's plans instead of other people's praise. What would happen to our campus, communities, families and churches if we chose to call *normal* what the world labels as *crazy*?

You may not be surprised to hear that Jesus was accused of being "out of his mind." What is surprising is who Jesus was accused by – his own family. They decided that Jesus must somehow be persuaded or stopped because they feared what the authorities would do to Him. Jesus did not retaliate to the claims made about Him, because He knew what normal meant in the world. Normal meant hating your enemies, normal meant cursing those who curse you, normal meant taking back what others have taken from you and by those definitions Jesus could never be "normal." There will often be times in life that God will call us out of the ordinary and into what people would call irrational. If we are ever going to be called crazy may it be because, like Jesus, we are doing something that is irrationally and crazily good for the Kingdom.

"Those who are called to suffer for Christ's sake, who have to endure misapprehension and distrust, even in their own home, may find comfort in the thought that Jesus has endured the same. He is moved with compassion for them. He bids them find companionship in Him, and relief where He found it, in communion with the Father."- E.G. White

Reflection

Have you ever been called "crazy" for doing something you believed in? Based on Biblical definitions it may not always be a compliment to be called "normal," what is God calling you to that may be out of your comfort zone? It could be in relation to your attitude, finances or how you spend your time.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, like Jesus' own family, we often cannot fathom the mission you are seeking to fulfill through our lives. May You heal us from any hurts we have experienced in our pursuit of You. Train our mind to turn from seeking worldly approval and towards seeking Your truth as a sign of our trust in You. Although people and even family may leave us, we are not left as orphans. Thank you for accepting us into Your heavenly family through the saving blood of Christ!

NEWS AND RESOURCES

- Join us for Vespers tonight in person at the BIG Tent (located across from the Hulsey Wellness Center). Please arrive early as seats are limited each week. Additional heating has been installed but feel free to bring a blanket, gloves, or beanie. You can also join us online at:
 - 6:30 pm: <https://southern.zoom.us/j/95186680742>
 - 8:00 pm: <https://southern.zoom.us/j/93458504346>
- Follow **@saucampusministries** on Instagram for updates on events and programs as well as encouraging messages!
- If you may be feeling anxious or have recently experienced loss or grief call 423.236.2782 to talk to a counselor on campus! (This is a free service for Southern students.)

- Share your prayer requests or praises with us via text message using your mobile phone. **Text-to-Pray: 423-281-8996.**
- **Talk online** with Chaplain [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#) if you need someone to pray with or have a desire to grow spiritually.