



Rebecca, Maddie, me, Greg, Cole, Matt, Quentin
Brodie on video call at home with sick child



Me and Maddie at Curry College

As you can imagine ministry is also amazingly wonderful. There is nothing like seeing someone's life transformed by Jesus. Last semester, this team was fervently praying one of the students would truly see Jesus. She shared before the summer that she had a much deeper realization of the gospel and Jesus, which she now realized was a taste of God's glory. She shared how so much of her spiritual life, since then, had changed from "trying to" and "have to" to "wanting to" and "getting to"! She affirmed to the group how good God truly is when we really see the gospel and His glory.

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Discouragement is a real thing for those of us in full-time ministry. We want people to know how awesome God is, but many are apathetic or reject Him. We see people struggle or make bad decisions. We initiate a lot, which is exhausting. We invest in people who later walk away. We face various forms of opposition. Things don't go as we would hope or expect. There is rarely anything easy.

So it is important for us to keep God's Word open and not get lost in what is not going well.

Yesterday, was a time to do just that with the team in Providence, Rhode Island. They have faced many challenges personally and in their ministry and are feeling discouraged.

We looked together at Zechariah 4. A few of the key phrases that we focused on yesterday are vs 6b-7a "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts. "What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you will become a plain...*" and then vs 10a "For who has despised the day of small things?"

We talked of the Spirit's role in the work we do. We talked of obstacles they face (great mountain) and how God will make a way, His plans are accomplished. The ministry is hard work and it is easy to be discouraged - despising the small results. We also looked at the gospel of Mark where Jesus told a parable about the kingdom of God being like a mustard seed - the smallest of seeds becoming so large birds can rest in its branches. Small beginnings can bear much and long lasting fruit.

Please join with me in praying for these dear missionaries.

- God through His Word, His Spirit, and His people would encourage them to endure.
- God would break through barriers.
- They would abide in Jesus.
- They would bear fruit.

It's a privilege to provide leadership and encouragement. Isn't it great that we are in this together? Thank you.

Because Revelation 21 is our wonderful future reality!

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