



COMMON GROUND

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God's Forgiveness

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas Break. We had a fantastic vacation with our moms in Phoenix and Sedona, Arizona. It was great to be with family and we enjoyed the beauty of the Red Rocks, we went on a Pink Jeep tour, enjoyed the sunshine and even the snow was gorgeous against the Red.

On one of the evenings we were going out to eat but my mom was seriously asleep. So we change our reservation so that we would not have to wake her. When she rose from her slumber she asked why we did not wake her up. Well, it goes like this, see back in 2010 we traveled to Germany and Switzerland together. I think I have told many of you about meeting her in the Frankfurt Airport and how pleased we were to find her, as neither one of our cell phones we brought were working. Anyway, that first night we went to bed early, Clarice and I in one room and Eryn and my mom in the other. At 4am Bing I am awake not that unusual for me but Clarice was also awake, a cataclysmic event Clarice and 4am do not go together. We tried to sleep but no use. We tried until 6am and then I thought my mom is always the first one up I will go see what she is up to. I go next door and to my amazement it is not my mom who is awake but Eryn, will miracle never cease. My Mother is totally out. I foolishly have a conversation with Eryn. (thinking my mom who does not have her hearing aids in will not hear us) I don't believe it was our noise that woke her but our presence that stirred her. Whatever it was she was awake and I felt terrible. For three years now I have felt bad about it, stewed about and told myself how foolish I was for disturbing her. My mom's response to my confession! I kind of remember that and then she went on to reflect on what a wonderful trip it was, how she enjoyed the Coyote Café (Avery German place) in Heidelberg, the majesty of the mountains and the warmth of our friend Anina's family and the splendor of their family farm. No how could you do that! Or what were you thinking!

So often we want to hold onto our sins long after God and others have let them go. Forgive yourself, let go of the past. As we begin a new semester start a fresh, look toward the future, set goals and strive for them the best you can. Know that God loves you and wants the very best for you.

Peace,
David

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UPCOMMING UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS

Tuesday Evening Worship is at 7PM in the lounge above the Lola Tilly Commons. We call this worship service Vespers (evening worship service). Vespers consists of singing, student testimony, a short message, and a time of quiet reflection. **Starts January 22!**

Thursday Lunch Bunch We meet at the United Campus Ministry office every Thursday from 1PM-1:50 PM. This semester we will continue our study of 1st Samuel. Feel free to bring your own lunch; we will provide cookies and milk.

Thursday Evening Bible study-Jess Morris will be leading a bible study at 7PM. It is focusing on the book of Galatians. The Bible study will be held at Cutler Apt 606 and should have a black cat and UCM posters on the door. Starts January 24.

Goin' To the Dogs! (And Cats) On January 26th we will meet at the office at 9:30am and head out to North Pole to Loving Companion Animal Rescue. We will work until about 12:15 and then we will go enjoy lunch at the Pagoda Chinese Restaurant in North Pole. Dress warm and bring \$5 for lunch!

Day of fasting and Prayer Ash Wednesday February 13- Join us as we have a 12hour prayer vigil for guidance, for our campus and for God to move in our lives.

Contra Dancing- Come join us for a little line dancing on Saturday February 16. We will meet at the UCM office 306 Constitution at 7:30pm and head over to Pioneer Park for the fun. It's fun, it is funny and if you have never gone it is free. For you old timers the cost will be \$5.