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2 TIMOTHY 3:17

Having hit the airwaves in 1961, Ray Charles, the musical prodigy and pioneer, popularized a song whose chorus is catchy and pithy in its declaration: "Hit the road, Jack / And don't you come back / No more, no more, no more, no more," Last year was no doubt taxing, a reoccurring punch to the solar plexus, predominately because of the pandemic that remains. Time has felt paused, truncated, and even stolen in a sense. Constantly adapting in response to COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, variants, and related safety measures has not been easy. Families and communities, financial systems, wedding plans, and much more seems to have reached an exhaustive tipping point. Millions of people have died. In November, a mentor who knew me since I was an undergraduate student, passed away at the age of 85. I haven't seen my little nephews, who are now not so little anymore, and other family members in close to six years. If we are to be good neighbors. global citizens, and disciples of Jesus, we must accept a new normal while being honest about the anguish that accompanies the adjustment. With the New Year officially underway, perhaps you are happy that 2021 has hit the road. I know I am.

Life is short, and a precious gift, so in this fresh voyage into another 365 days, may 'adults who behave like toddlers with long legs,' those attracted to insurrection, absurdity, and insolence. no longer occupy the center stage. We are on borrowed, blood-bought time and there is vital. godly work to do that requires additional personnel. (Matthew 9:35-38) In Means of Grace: A Year of Weekly Devotions. Fleming Rutledge writes that, "The line between good and evil runs through each person," and she is right. Within each of us is the capacity to maim or heal, to be a caregiver, lifelong learner, and compassionate ambassador for God or to be something less. As I hope you do as well. I look forward to sacrificing comfort and convenience to advance the kingdom of God, promoting peace and prosperity

during hardship, (Jeremiah 29:7)

You are invited to worship with us in chapel Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the David E. Enarson Gymnasium, Please note, however, that to keep everyone as safe as possible, we will not be in-person, tentatively, until January 19. But do follow chapel online in real-time or watch the archived videos whenever is convenient. We will be journeying through 1-2 Peter and Jude this spring semester. If you are unfamiliar with these books of the Bible, this is a perfect opportunity to experience community, virtually or in-person, and learn how intimately and accurately the Word of God speaks to the human condition. Truly, every morsel of Scripture is "God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17) That means, in part, we should not only digest stories, characters. and books of the Bible that most interest us or that we are most comfortable with, but rather we must embrace the "whole will (or counsel) of God," (Acts 20:27) I hope you will join us!

Christians are people of promise, people of light and in any environment, light brings hope, peace, clarity, and healing. It does not need fanfare or accolades. It

is not insecure about its identity or purpose. It simply is what it is, doing what it does and eventually, in due time, darkness always adjusts to light, not the other way around. When light hits the scene, you don't need to post or e-mail to announce the arrival. Everyone already knows by virtue of its fruit. I hope similar comments can be made about you and me, and about Trinity Western University, as we inaugurate another year, buoyed by God's great grace. Let your light shine brightly and biblically, via words and deeds.

Alongside Maverick City Music, Dante Bowe, Todd Dulaney, and Jekalyn Carr, and followers of Jesus all over the world, please join me in prayer that God "will open our eyes," for those who were lost to be to be reclassified as found and for those of us already in Christ to, well...act like it. May you lean on the unmatched transforming exclusivity of Jesus, who was and is and is to come, your sole portion in life and in death.

Because of Christ,

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FEBRUARY	MON FEB 7 Kamal Ghamal Richmond Baptist Church Richmond, British Columbia 2 Peter 1:1-11	WED FEB 9 Praise Chapel Praise and Worship	FRI FEB 11 Kamal Ghamal Richmond Baptist Church Richmond, British Columbia 2 Peter 1:12-21
	MON FEB 14 Jana de Jong Trinity Witness Student Testimony	WED FEB 16 Praise Chapel Praise and Worship	FRI FEB 18 Tegan McArthur Trinity Witness Student Testimony
		FEB 21-25 Reading Break No Chapel Services	
	MON FEB 28 Rev'd Dr. James Ellis III University Chaplain		
	2 Peter 2:1-3		

But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

Jude 1:17-19

