



BRIEFING

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Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! (Romans 11:33, ESV)

I've become known around the Capitol as "the guy who sits on the bench." And God has richly blessed my time on the bench.

Some people have discovered I regularly can be found sitting on a bench around the north atrium on the Second Floor, and they come looking for me. Most people, however, are simply walking by and take advantage of the moment to sit and talk. "Sovereign surprises" as one of my former bosses would say. The Holy Spirit at work.



Here's a picture of my backpack and notepad on the bench.

A bench along the wall of an atrium in the Capitol may not seem like a place that would be conducive to private conversation, but the activity and noise provides a cloak of privacy over our conversations.

It has surprised me how many people take time to sit beside me and share their hurts and struggles, and to ask for prayer. All sorts of people have taken a seat beside me: elected members of the legislature, legislative staff and aides, lobbyists, maintenance staff, and even visitors to the Capitol. They leave knowing that I am a safe person and that I will indeed pray for them, doing so right then if possible.

Here is one story.

A few weeks into the current legislative session, the local press reported on an incident a couple of years ago that reflected very poorly on the House Minority Leader. The report divided minority members of the House and ultimately led to the Minority Leader resigning his leadership position. After a minority caucus meeting one day in the midst of the turmoil, a member of the

SCRIPTURE READING

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God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light on our path (Psalm 119:105), and it does not return empty but is powerful to accomplish God's purposes (Isaiah 55:11). Consider how the passages below can impact your life and guide you through this day.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Isaiah 40:28

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

Romans 11:33

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Remember the message of the Gospel daily:

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1)

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ ... For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:4-5; 8-9)

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minority came out of their meeting room and came straight to sit beside me. I knew this member casually but had never had a real conversation with him. In a non-stop monologue lasting about 20 minutes, he shared his frustration and concerns about what was happening. He talked about his own life, about his faith, and about forgiveness. The conversation ended with me saying I'd be praying for him. Since then, we have had a couple more conversations on the bench where he continues to share about his life and his need for prayer.

The Lord is also blessing the ability to share His Word in the Capitol. I have been handing out Scripture Readings to over 30 people, including 14 senators evenly divided between the two parties. Because of expressed interest from some recipients, I have started handing out Scripture Readings two times a week, usually on Monday and Thursday.

Special prayer need: We need a new place to live by May 31 - please pray for God's provision as we begin the search. (The owner of our rental house died and we have been informed his family plans to sell the property.)

Also please pray for:

- increased giving, especially from Colorado churches and individuals
- wisdom to know how to minister to those in government
- God's blessing MTS-Colorado with more growth

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, friendship, and support! Praise God for His goodness!

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