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Enough is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

# CONNECT

with self and others:

- **1.** How is God messing with you this week?
- 2. What interesting conversations have you had this week?
- **3.** How can we be praying for you?

It was dark outside when I hooked up my dogs and headed out for a run. As we attempted to cross Hatch Road, there were headlights coming in our direction, so we paused for a moment, letting a car zoom by. Immediately after it passed, I looked both ways, and picked up the pace to cross the road before the next set of headlights was upon us. Amid attempting to run to the other side of the street, my legs got tangled in the three leashes and I fell hard. Ouch! However, there was another car headed our way, and I was lying in the middle of the street. Yikes! Adrenaline really is a thing, so I sprang to my feet, regathered my three dogs and pulled them across the street before the oncoming car could run us over. Whew! Safely out of harm's way, I could now feel the pain in my knee and elbow, so I walked the dogs home and sat down for a few minutes. Not wanting to miss a workout, I eventually finished my run and was grateful that I didn't break anything when I fell!

READ 1 Timothy 2:1-8

READ 1 Thessalonians 5:17



I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle-I am telling the truth, I am not lyingand a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Pray continually.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17

### NOTES:\_

In these verses we are encouraged to pray for everyone and pray about everything! A strange thing happened the afternoon of my fall. My left ankle started to hurt really bad. I didn't even know I had injured it. By 5 p.m. I had to get Steve and Chad to carry me to the car because I couldn't put any weight on it.

My colleague, Scott Davis, just happened to have an ankle compression sleeve in his office which he graciously gave me to wear. We called all our doctor friends and put the RICE treatment into play (rest, ice, compression, elevate). We also asked a lot of people to pray. AND the next morning the pain was totally gone. I'm still in awe that I couldn't put any weight on my ankle one day and the next day it was as if nothing had happened! WOW! God can do immeasurable more than we ask or imagine. I'm so thankful!

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#### **PRAYER:**

Jesus, help us to remember to pray continually, about everything, and for everyone. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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