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Dear Friends,

I was late for our morning Bible study after being stopped in the Capitol. One of the janitors, a woman I hadn't seen in over a year, remembered me. With a smile she approached to say, "You were the one who gave me that Bible. I've been reading it and its notes ever since."

We keep a handful of MacArthur Study Bibles in the Capitol Chapel, and she used to read one on her breaks before asking if she could keep it. Seeing her after all this time, she was so excited to share truth after truth. Scripture finally made sense to her, and it gave me the greatest joy to listen.

We scatter seeds of truth far and wide throughout the state Capitol and Supreme Court never knowing what may happen. Each study, conversation and meeting is an opportunity to scatter more seed, perhaps plant or even add water. Above all, we just want to be faithful from day-to-day, consistently laboring in this field while asking God for fruit.

The Supreme Court study was added last January, and the legislative studies have doubled in size. Two studies that stand out are Psalm 77 and John 11. Our discussions from studying these were touching. There are many people in politics who are hurting, and these chapters offer solid hope. We praise God for such wonderful growth and encouraging signs.

More interest, more meetings and more relationships have required more time. It has been exciting, but we could use your help. Giving tends to be lower during the first half of the year. Though monthly commitments cover 80% of our budget, we still require special gifts to offset the difference.

Will you help us continue to labor in the political arena? A monthly commitment of \$25 or \$50 or a special gift would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry. It is a blessing not taken lightly. We praise God for you and look forward to many fruitful years together.

Soli Deo Gloria,

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