Note from the Geneva College Registrar to Students

I know it's been different these last two weeks and it's going to be different finishing out the semester away from one another; it may even be difficult. If you have a favorite piece of Scripture to hold onto, now's the time to grab tightly to it and don't let go. If you don't have a favorite piece of Scripture, might I suggest one of the world's favorite psalms, Psalm 23. As it so happened, or as it was planned by God, in many churches that follow the Revised Common Lectionary, the psalm appointed for last Sunday was Psalm 23.

And while Psalm 23 is often associated with funerals and death, it really is so full of life. The psalmist is in a difficult spot to be sure, but he knows that God, the shepherd of his life, has him and will lead him through to the good things, and lead him to the banquet table, and that in the end, he will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. If you take a look at Psalm 23.4, you will notice that the psalmist is walking through a valley, a deep valley, where the shadows are deathly...but the psalmist doesn't stay there...he walks through it!

We all are going through some tough times right now, a deep and dark valley, a valley that none of us could have ever imagined at the beginning of this academic year...but we will get through this. We will get through this, not on our own strength but by relying on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Take one day at a time. Reach out to your family members--it shouldn't be that hard, they're in the same house with you now (②), call or text your friends, post and respond for your classmates, create that meme for Geneva College Memes on FB, and pray...pray for one another, pray that this pandemic will end soon, pray for Geneva College and everyone associated with Geneva.

"EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME." -Psalm 23:4

May the Lord bless you and keep you all the days of your life.

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