

Introduction: Welcome to Engage360, Denver Seminary's podcast. Join us as we explore the redemptive power of the gospel and the life-changing truth of Scripture at work in our culture today,

Dr. Don Payne: Hey friends, welcome again, to Engage360 from Denver Seminary. My name is Don Payne. And once again, we're really glad that you've joined us for a conversation that will give you some examples of what it really looks like practically to live out the redemptive power of the gospel and the life changing truth of Scripture, which is what we enthusiastically talk about a lot around here. Now, periodically, we love to expose you to some of our students and their stories. I have to be honest that some of the most fascinating people I have ever met are Denver Seminary students, their backgrounds, their ministry experiences, what they've learned about following Jesus, and about how God works through redemptively through the gospel. All of that has been a huge education and encouragement to me here for a lot of years. And this week we get to interact with one of our students at the Washington DC campus Seconda Hollinger. Seconda, welcome to Engage360.

Seconda Hollinger: Thank you, Dr. Payne.

Dr. Don Payne: We are so glad you're here. If you see the Seminary website, I believe there was an article on Seconda not too long ago. So, you may have seen that, but Seconda just introduce yourself over a, a little bit. Tell us a bit of your story personally, spiritually vocationally.

Seconda Hollinger: Okay. My name is Seconda Hollinger, and I'm a Navy vet 25 years. Currently reside in Maryland and I attend the Denver Seminary DC campus is where I'm currently going to school, have two children. I have a BS in healthcare management. I received my master's degree in disaster preparedness, and I'm currently on track to graduate from Denver this spring.

Dr. Don Payne: With your Master divinity, right?

Seconda Hollinger: Master Divinity. I work at the immigration customs and enforcement headquarters as the Acumen emergency program manager, which is a new position for me. I got this new position in December, used to work at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing where they make the money. And I've been in this emergency management field for about 15 years.

Dr. Don Payne: So, you tell us a little bit about your experience in the Navy. Now, I think I saw that you were a corpsman, correct?

Seconda Hollinger: Yes. Yeah.

Dr. Don Payne: How did you get into that?

Seconda Hollinger: I was one that usually wanted to quote unquote fix things or make people feel better. I really didn't want to be at corpsman when I first came in. Followed behind my high school sweetheart. And he was a Gunner's mate. Now my father told me, I don't know what you're going to use that for when you get out of the military. So, I don't think that's the way you need to go. So, I went from wanting to be a Gunner's mate to a crypto tech, which they didn't have any more slots for that. I thought that would be really interesting. And my third choice was to be a medic to help others. And so, I thoroughly enjoyed everything that I learned in the, in the Navy, in reference to the body and the way that it functions, God has done some miraculous things in just making a body, the body. It functions in the way that you would not believe. And I had an opportunity to actually see that and just watch it repair itself from the inside out, it was just awesome.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah. Isn't that interesting how the body is made a God built into the body, the, the healing properties, the recuperative properties that it needs. And so, medicine just basically kind of gets things out of the way, right? So, the body can do its thing.

Seconda Hollinger: It does, it may be a jumpstart to remind the body, Hey, this is what you're supposed to do, but it's so intricate. I sit there and I was just been amazed, especially when I had to do the tour in Iraq, on the ship the different wounds and things that I saw, just how God just showed me how he would heal from the inside out. And very simplistic. It was very simplistic, but it just showed how intricate the body was, I'm like, wow. Who could think of even developing something like this and making something like this?

Dr. Don Payne: Now, were you a follower of Jesus at the time, a Christian?

Seconda Hollinger: Of course, yes. Yes. When I came into the military, I was a follower. I've been a follower since I'm a young child, you know, my mom used to always have us going to church. And I remember at the age of 13, she told us, you know, if you choose not to, you don't have to this time. You can make your own choice. And I was really the only one. Grew up in a single-family home at the age of probably about 10, my dad left. And she gave us that choice, but I was the only one in the house really going to church. And it was just amazing. The different things that I learned because I went to different churches. So, I went to a Lutheran church and in middle school, I was once had my communion in a Presbyterians church. And then in high school, I went to a Pentecostal church.

Dr. Don Payne: Wow you got all the way around the block, didn't you?

Seconda Hollinger: Yes. But it was a blessing. And it all came together. When I came in, when I went into the military and had to be the lay leader for the Protestant service.

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. That's yeah. I wanted to follow up on that because in your experiences as Navy corpsman, from what I've read of your story, you then kind of stepped into

the role of a ship's chaplain, right. Even though you weren't trained to be a chaplain?

Seconda Hollinger: Right, I wasn't, I wasn't even a, usually they'll have religious petty officers because I was a corpsman. So that wasn't necessarily what I did, but our chaplain, it's funny how people watching you and you never know who's watching you. And I can't even find this guy. I'm praying that God will, will reconnect us because he's the reason I'm in seminary. He said, God told me that I need you to be my lay leader. I said, well, sir, I'm not Protestant. I don't even know what that, I don't know what it means to even fulfill this role right here. And he goes, you just need to get a letter from your Pastor and you'll be fine. And I was like, Oh, okay. So I went to a couple of Protestants services in preparation, so I could see what the flow of the service was. And I went through a trial by fire deployment of seven weeks prior to going to Iraq. And it was awful. It was awful. It really was awful. But when I looked back in hindsight, God was really preparing me so that I didn't know, six months later that I was going to have to go, well, a couple of months later to go to 9/11 and respond to that. And then in turn that January to be deployed as the lay leader, during the war.

Dr. Don Payne: So, God was really kind of putting some things together ahead of time?

Seconda Hollinger: Always. And you don't even, you, you just don't. You look back. You go what? Cause I was like, geez, I don't even know what I'm doing.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah. So, what were the steepest learning curves? Why was that so awful?

Seconda Hollinger: Well, it was, to me, I like to be prepared as you can see, my line of work is emergency preparedness. I like to prepare so that if something does happen, you are ready? So that's, my mindset is to do whatever you can do ahead of time so that if anything happens, at least you're ready in your, about plan, on what to do. And so, this was totally out of my wheelhouse. Yes, I've spoken in front of people before, but I didn't preach. I didn't teach the gospel, you know? So, I was in all uncharted territory for me, because I'm like, I'm not a preacher. I'm not a, I'm not a pastor. I'm not a, I'm not a minister. I'm a nobody, what are you doing? And you're right. So, if you related spiritually, right, he made sure that he groomed me physically in the role that I was as a corpsman to take care of the body. So, in turn, as my lay leader, you take care of the body of Christ?

Dr. Don Payne: How did you see, what were some of the ways you saw God work in that situation?

Seconda Hollinger: In this situation, it really was indescribable because he honestly will always give you everything that you need. And I could see him orchestrating everything. I mean, I've never, I've walked through out the ship at times. And it was like, he would send me places. You need to go to this section and then go to that place. And when I would go there, someone would literally be waiting there for me. To pray for them. And so it was just, it was a really a matter of relationship and

connection that I've never had before. I mean, I honestly, I know we're walking, my feet is, and I mean, moment by moment, moment by moment. And I had to be in a posture where I could hear him and just be obedient. Of course I was scared. But the first thing I asked God before we deployed, I said, Lord, I just need to know you have me here to lead your people. And I need to know, are we going to make it back home? And God said, yes. You will come back and tell the people of the great things that I have done. And then I was sold, because I already knew. And once I knew that, me being, especially as a lay leader and then being as a chief, I'm a leader, these people are going to follow me. They're looking to me to say, Hey, chief. So, what are we doing? How are we doing it? And are we coming back?

Dr. Don Payne: So, tell us one or two of those great things God did.

Seconda Hollinger: One of the great things that God did was I think he, we started out with maybe 20 people in this small little chapel on the ship. And we had prayer service in the morning at six, and we had service on Sunday. So, then we realized it was more, God sent me the resources I needed. He sent me a wonderful prayer partner. She was just right there by my side. He sent me a couple of brothers that were there. And then the service started to grow. As we continued on this deployment and we were going through them, we were taking care of patients. It was just a lot going on. And so, they needed people needed God. At that time, they really, it was a perfect place to draw people in because they had nowhere else to go.

Dr. Don Payne: You find them pretty open to the Lord?

Seconda Hollinger: Yes. I even went up to someone and I knew they were Muslim and witnessed to them. It was like, God was like, you need to go here, here, here. You need to tell them who I am. And you need to let them know that they need to change their life. And it was, I know it was him because I would not have done that. I didn't have the knowledge to even say what I was saying. Yeah. You know, so I'm sitting there go, Whoa. But it wasn't like, I was like totally blown away where I couldn't stay in my posture and do whatever he said do. And like one guy, his mother had died. I didn't know his mother died. And God sent me right to him. When he had gotten the word. I had no idea, my friend and I, and they called us Mary, Mary, and we just came and we would play with him.

There were people that tried to stop the sailors from coming to prayer. And so, I had to change the time of prayer because they were cooks. And so, they had to be at work at like 4:30. And so I said, okay, I'm going to get up at 4:30 and we're going to pray. You want to print it? What was going to stop us? And so of course with me getting up at 4:30 and going in and be there for them so that they can get there, you know, get prayed up and be ready to do what they need to do. I get free breakfast. So, they would make me a nice breakfast. They would always look out for me, chief, what do you want? You know, they would always do that at times where some people couldn't get to me, we had to go on a flight. They can have prayer.

Dr. Don Payne: So, you were on an aircraft carrier?

Seconda Hollinger: No, I was on a medical ship and it's one of the largest floating hospitals in the nation.

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. So, when you said flight deck that must've been for helicopters coming in.

Seconda Hollinger: Right. So, we had the crew up there. And it was hard for them to get away. So, we came to them and as we came to them. The services began to grow and I had to have two services instead of one, I had to go to the command officer and go, sir, we're outgrowing our space either. We're going to have to move up to the mess decks and have service, or I'm going to have to be able to have more than one service.

Dr. Don Payne: How did you fit all that in with your corpsman responsibilities? You had like two jobs.

Seconda Hollinger: Well, I had about three, but you know, we've got, he will, he will give you exactly what you need when you need it. I had great corpsman that were working for me. I great people that were working with me. We were really a crew and a family and looked out for each other. I don't know, we only got 24 hours in a day, but he made it happen. He made it happen. And again, I couldn't tell you how I was thinking about your question. You're like, well, how did you do this? How'd you? What is the hot? It was so many different highlights where I knew he was working, even when I had some leadership come against me. And I'm like, God, I'm just doing what you told me to do. And he said, I know. Don't worry. And they had to back down. It was amazing. We saved the guide that his ship, his boat, or get overturned on just on the way out to Iraq. We saved the guy and two other people that were on a boat with him. And it was three of them. Only one of them survived. And we brought him on board.

And he said, the only thing he could remember seeing was a big cross or white ship with a big cross. So, imagine seeing that in this vast ocean and your other two partners are gone and you're the only survivor. That right there was just a testimony. And I know that man's life will be forever changed. I was able to assist in baptisms on the Canary Islands, in Diego Garcia, where God would just be showing up. This young lady was dressed in all white. And she was like, Senior, you know, I want to get baptized in a little up. I can't really baptize you, but we talked to the chaplain. And so, I was able to assist the chaplain that was there at the base. And she had some nonbelievers that worked with her and they came and watched it. And I promise you when she came up out of the water, there was this glow about her. And she was able to go back and evangelize to the people in her office. They said they had never seen anything like that.

Dr. Don Payne: That's remarkable. You really got to be on the front lines in more way than one.

- Seconda Hollinger: Yeah. So, my service on the flight deck with dolphins on the side coming up out of the water, one of the Catholic priests, he was looking at me like, what is it about you? I said, it's not me. This is God. God sent me a choir. He sent me liturgical dancers. We did an Easter play. He sent me all these resources. That was, it was, I'm like I have a whole church right here.
- Dr. Don Payne: You know, it's going to be great in heaven to see where all of those people went and what the long-term kind of ripple effect of all of that was people who, you know, you'll never meet again in this life, but to see what the Lord did in their lives. Long-Term. And how the, you know, the exponential effect of that. I can't wait to see that and hear that in heaven.
- Seconda Hollinger: Right. It's something that you see, you know, some of them will see me on Facebook and then they'll say, you know what? I remember when I just did a, I was blessed to be the guest speaker for our veteran's day program at first Baptist church of Glenolden. And my nephew, unbeknownst to me, I don't put things on Facebook. He put it on Facebook. And so, some of my sailors were like, yeah, that's my sea chief. She's always done that. She's always blessed us. She always prayed over us. And it was just an honor that they even remembered that I was able to plant some seeds and some people. You know, I was able to help some people come back and go, look, I need to rededicate my life. You know, just being an instrument for Christ was just awesome. And I learned that, you know, I didn't know, what I didn't know. I can only teach for what I knew. That's why seminary was so important to me because I could see that my depth wasn't as deep as it needed to be.
- Dr. Don Payne: You're like actually a lot of seminary students these days who have a good bit of ministry experience before they come to seminary. And I'm just curious you know, what it was that highlighted the importance of seminary, but you kind of answered that question. Ministry made you aware of what you needed to know.
- Seconda Hollinger: Right, right. I can only, I shouldn't say I could only teach God this. I look back at some of the sermons that I kept notes from. And I was, you know, I was reading over them. I'm going, how did I know that? I don't even remember now. So how do I know that? And it was just such a place that I longed to be back in that posture, because if he said, move two steps to the left, I moved two steps to the left at the time that he told me, and by me doing that, it blessed someone. And it was just, I can't explain it, but it was such a closeness. It was like, he was just moving me just like a piece on a chess board, I was like, wow. And like I said, I did have people that, that was trying, you know, to come against me or say things. I mean, I even got promoted while I was out there, you know, and I had people saying, Oh, she's a double quota because she's a female. And then she's black, you know? And I didn't have to say anything to people that would say stuff like that. Other people would fight with me and go really do you know, the things that she's done to get there? And I know it was, I know it was the enemy to try and take me out of the right posture because there was work to be done.
- Dr. Don Payne: Wow. Good for you hanging in there.

Seconda Hollinger: There was work to be done. So it was, again, I can't put words to it. And of course, I couldn't sum it up in the short time, but it was just, it's indescribable. Just the love that he showed me, nothing was perfect. But when I stepped out there to give them that word, he got it. And then to be able to do that in a diverse group of religions, I tried to make sure everyone felt comfortable. So, if you wanted to sing a certain song, then we're going to sing that song, I had someone that has her guitar. She wanted to play her guitar. I had someone else that had like a flute or something I wanted to make sure it was all inclusive because the one thing that we had in common was Jesus was the Trinity. So regardless of whether or not you were Lutheran, you were Protestant, you were Presbyterian, you were Baptist. It didn't matter. It was like, my service was the catchall.

Dr. Don Payne: You just got to tell them the gospel and focus them on Jesus. And that's what you're telling us Seconda is such a vivid example of a Holy Spirit empowered ministry, where you're really working above your head, working out of your resources, working beyond your resources and the Spirit of God shows up and does more than you could naturally explain.

Seconda Hollinger: Exactly.

Dr. Don Payne: Okay. So, you talked about emergency preparedness. You're serving now as a, an emergency manager, emergency preparedness manager for a federal agency and during a pandemic to boot. What have you learned? What have been some of your really significant learnings or even surprises from your ministry in these emergency crisis situations?

Seconda Hollinger: Well, he's still in control. That's key thing. That's the key thing. And you know, but you don't always realize things until sometimes when you leave, because you got to remember in the pandemic, God blessed me to get a new job with a promotion in the mist of 2020.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah. That's unusual.

Seconda Hollinger: And so, the agency that I left we had been working on a continuity of operations plan. So, if something like we, weren't thinking of a pandemic, right. I'm always thinking of these things, but of course, you know, the rest of the leadership may not be thinking about that. And they're thinking about, Oh, we have an explosion and we can't use the building. What do we do? And so that has some pushback where people like, Oh, we're never going to have you been in this building for 250 years? That'll never happen. This building is so, and I'm like, okay, this is the deal. I understand what you're saying. I probably can't paint a scenario that would even make you think that the building would collapse and you would have to work elsewhere. But we're going to plan for that just in case I say, just like we had an earthquake here couple of years ago we thought they only happened in California, but it happened in DC. And were we ready for that? We were not. So, God blessed me to be able to at least convey to this team of about 73 people with upper leadership and people below them in my peers to

say, Hey, I just want you to be ready just in case. So, they had been working on these plans and I was shifting their mindset to say, Hey, you may not be able to do things like you normally would do.

And in case you can't, you want to have a plan at least on what to do, not to be afraid, but a plan on what you would do if you couldn't work in this building. For whatever reason. I never thought that the pandemic would be it, but these people that take ownership and they were like, okay, okay. And they will work through it. And it had been the same plan or same process was trying to be put in place before I got there. But they did it all in one phase and it was just too much. And so, I broke it up into three phases and we were literally in the third phase. So, people were working on their plans.

Dr. Don Payne: When the shutdown hit?

Seconda Hollinger: When the shutdown hit. So, they were pretty much, they had everything they needed. All the data was gathered. They had done, we had done our business impact analysis. So, they knew what they needed to do if they couldn't work in the building. And these people were so grateful, they said Seconda, we are so grateful that you made a shift, our thinking. And we started thinking about what we would do if we weren't in the building, we had to work remotely and how we would do that. But we didn't think it would happen that fast. And that right there just did my heart so good because they weren't afraid. They already knew these are some of the things I have to take into consideration if I'm not working in the building and this is how I would do it. And you know what, we can only be down X amount of time. And in that timeframe, what I needed to do. And so, everybody was working together. Everybody knew what they had to do and it worked.

Dr. Don Payne: So, the Lord just seems to always be going right out ahead of you and putting pavement down. Even if you don't know where it's headed, that's what I'm hearing.

Seconda Hollinger: Exactly. And you've got to trust him. Yeah. And so, I just learned to go, okay. Okay. I know this sounds strange Lord, but okay. So, then it must be you. Because that's not something I'm going to think of.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah, sure. It wouldn't be.

Seconda Hollinger: I'm great. I'm so grateful. 2020 was a miraculous new year for me because everything that I put on my vision board that I spoke to God about it came to fruition. It came to fruition because I came to him as humbly, as I knew how, on a revival night with TD Jakes and I pressed my way to the alter with no gift. I had nothing to give. And I wanted to say here, I'm going to give you this gift as a token, God, just to say, you know, what do with it, whatever you can. But I had nothing. I had an envelope that was empty and I press my way to the alter. And I just felt like the woman with the issue of blood. And not that TD Jakes is God,

he's not. But the anointing that was on him, if I could just have a drop of it, one flop, I knew I would be changed and I would be made whole.

And that, from that day forward, when he touched my head and he was praying for someone else and I was touching her, I didn't even know all these people came up to me afterwards saying, oh my God, God is going to do all these things. We saw Bishop Jakes. It was on his Instagram. And I'm going, what are you talking about? Cause I had no idea. You know, I'm caught up in the spirit. I don't know what's going on. And from that day forward, January six, God just started doing things. And a young lady told me, she said, Seconda. It wasn't God wanted your, your gift. He just wanted you. Cause I had no gift in the envelope. My envelope was empty. I said, Lord, you know what? I don't have it, but I promise you when I get it, I'm going to give it to you. And I'm going to give you this envelope.

Dr. Don Payne: The Lord filled it, didn't he?

Seconda Hollinger: A hundred times, a hundred times, everything I wanted, he gave me. And like you said, he would go ahead. He was showing me you're not ready for a promotion yet because you haven't done this. Okay. You haven't, you're not ready yet. You need to do this certification. Okay. Get that done. You're not ready. So, he showed me, I just need you to be patient. It's a process. Either you're going to go through the process or you're not. And then just like baking a cake, your cake will be undone. Uneditable, not usable.

Dr. Don Payne: Well, you've been faithful and available. Well done. Hey, as you have gotten involved in seminary over these last few years, what from your Seminary education has been most meaningful, most helpful to you perhaps in your ministries?

Seconda Hollinger: I don't even know where to start. I mean, I could, I could start from Hebrew class with Dr. Delayer, the counseling classes, the mentoring sessions going through the books, just going through the book of Joshua with Dr. Delayer was phenomenal. Especially at the end of your degree plan, because I think that in itself shows you, that book shows you so much and it makes you think, wow, God was really doing some work there. You know, it's not just about killing, you know, there was leadership there, there was mentoring there. It showed us about being obedient. The mentoring classes with Dr. Steiner actually made me sit down and think of some things that I could be doing to better myself from the beginning to now. And I was able to grow through those things. So, for me, I may not remember everything that was taught to me, but I do have my books. I do have my resources that I can go to and I can teach others. That's the key thing for me. I can't teach you what I don't know. So that really was the driving force for me when I came back from that deployment.

I can't teach them what, I don't know. I'm limited in what I can teach them because I don't know enough. So, I know that Seminary for me was to learn more so I can teach. Everybody's like, Oh, you're going to Seminary. You're

going to be a Pastor. No, that is not my desire. My desire is to be able to be knowledgeable, to teach others because in this day and age I tend, I can't just give you a story and think it's going to be okay. They got to challenge me on that story. How has made, well, what about this? And what about that? And so, I needed to be able to answer those, what about this? And what about that? And no, I can't answer every question, but I need to be knowledgeable enough to defend it. And that was really, to me, everything was connected when we had to do all orals and I had to do mine twice. And I thank God for that because I was trying to get textbook answers. And the professor knew, no, that's not what we're looking for. We're looking for what you know, and how you feel and what do you say?

And when I came back the second time and actually did it, they were like, that's what we're talking about. And I thanked them for that. I really did. I had Dr. Hood and I'm going, I can't think of the other professor, but I thank them for that because they would have been wrong to go. We just going to push you forward. That was one thing I really like about Denver is I'm not an A student. However, they know the passion and they make sure that you know, what's been taught. Whether I'm an, a student or a C student, and they looked at me no different. And if I needed extra time, I got extra time. If I needed extra help, I got extra help. And if I didn't understand, they really would take that time aside and show me, well, this is this, look at this. This is what we're looking at. You know, why are you looking at this way? Or they would see my perspective and where I'm coming from, especially as an African-American woman, we're our thoughts may be different.

So, I like it the way we have so many different cultures, you know, I was able to talk to a Korean sister when I came to visit last year. And she didn't understand why when Dr. West was preaching, we would stand up and encourage him. She said, I could see that you guys were very happy, but I didn't understand it. Blamed it to her. It was really cool. So, I'd like to in turn ask her, well, what do you guys think about this? I was working on a project and it was in reference to the youth and I was able to ask a Caucasian brother. I was able to ask a Korean brother. I was able to ask another sister, what are your perspectives in how do you do your youth ministry? And when I can take those in and put it all together, it becomes so much richer.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah. That's the word I was going to use. It sounds like it's been a rich learning experience from a lot of different angles for you.

Seconda Hollinger: Yes. Yes. So, I can teach them something as well as, so we learn from one another.

Dr. Don Payne: Yeah. Yeah. So, kind of what's next for you? Do you know?

Seconda Hollinger: I don't, I'm teaching I'm a part of Reverend Barr's ministry. I'm trying to get involved with the youth. And my goal will be one day to, I don't know if I'll be a chaplain [inaudible], maybe a youth detention center or something, but I want

to really help those young women that are at risk. I really do because my mother made sure that she surrounded my sister and I with great role models of different facets, and everybody doesn't have that. So, I'm one, that's I'm an encourager and I was encouraged. And so, I want to get that back to a young lady that may not have it. She may not have it in her home. She may not have it in her school. She may not even have a church. So, Lincoln with the unashamed ministry at First Baptist church of Glen Arden, I've started with them. And hopefully I'll become more involved next year, by maybe being a connect group leader and go from there and teach the word wherever he may be in. However, he would send me.

Dr. Don Payne: If your history thus far is any indicator, I cannot wait to see what the Lord does with who you in the next few years. It just, you know, we're going to buckle up and just keep our eyes open.

Seconda Hollinger: I'm excited. And just students, you never know, this is a program with, it's not like going through a computer degree or whatever. Things that we learn here, you will definitely apply it. I just had to do to officiate a funeral. Well, I wouldn't have known how to do that. Had I not gone through the course that teaches us about different services. I did that Summer. So, I'm like, wow. You know, okay. Like you said, he always goes before me.

Dr. Don Payne: That's probably one of the big takeaways that that I have from this whole conversation is how the Lord goes before us goes ahead of us paves the way and directs us, even if we can't see where exactly that road is headed. And I think that's one of the, one of the great things about a seminary process. And I've seen this happen for countless people over the years is that the Lord uses the context of those relationships and classes and readings, everything you're taking in to open up new vistas, new opportunities, kind of bump us in different directions that we never could have anticipated or scripted. And in many cases, we wouldn't have done it, but it's always good because the Lord has gone ahead of us and Seconda, I got to tell you, we are, we're just thrilled to have you soon, very soon as one of our grads, we're so grateful that you've been a part of the student body here and grateful for what I I'm sure a lot of other students have learned from you. We've just had a delightful time learning from your experiences today. Thank you.

Seconda Hollinger: Thank you.

Dr. Don Payne: This has been loads of fun and can't wait to put a diploma in your hands. So yeah, so you're almost there and you're almost there. Finish strong, and we will hope to see you in May and celebrate this with Seconda Hollinger. One of our master of divinity students at the Washington DC campus. Thanks, against the Seconda.

Seconda Hollinger: Thank you, my honor, Dr. Payne.

Dr. Don Payne:

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