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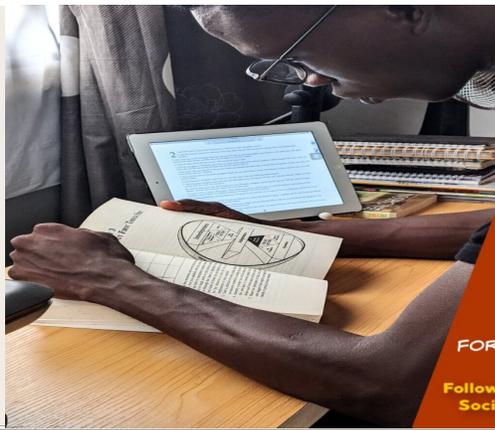
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## The Exodus Imperative

Faith Theological Seminary is thrilled to announce the launch of *The Exodus Imperative*... FTS's commitment to Christ-Centered, Community Focused Action with the purpose of renewing and reviving the City of Baltimore. Exodus means "the way out". Vast amounts of government resources are expended in Baltimore on public safety and education, yet Baltimore remains one of the most dangerous places to live in the United States. Baltimore needs an Exodus out of the crisis gripping our city, and it is imperative that we do something about it now! FTS is uniquely positioned to lead the revival of Baltimore City! Become a partner with us as we work for Baltimore's Urban Renewal and Revival through the Power of Faith! For more information contact Tony Campbell, Senior Director, Governmental and Philanthropic Relations at Faith Theological Seminary, at [a.campbell@fts.edu](mailto:a.campbell@fts.edu).



## current topic >>>

## The Tyranny of the Urgent

Imagine yourself standing in the middle of Raven's Stadium. Someone important to you is seated somewhere in the crowd and calling your name. However, 65,000 other people are calling your name, too. This is how life is for many of us. We have trouble deciding whose voice to respond to. "Fearing God" is reverencing Him and keeping Him first in your life. The command to "fear God" is equated with the command to "keep His commandments", indicating that true reverence toward God is to be manifested by obedience to Him. If you reverence God you will keep His commandments. This is not teaching perfection, this is saying that the direction or pattern of your life will be obedience. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." One item that Satan, the devil, has in his bag of tricks is the *Tyranny of the Urgent*. This is where he deceives people into responding to what appears to be urgent rather than doing what is important. It is not a coincidence that not long after one sits down at his desk to get into some serious Bible study that he has the urge to get something to drink or to answer that "very urgent" phone call. What he or she has experienced is the Tyranny of the Urgent—this is when the urgent competes with what is important in your life. It is when a burning urge dominates the desire to fulfill what is important in life. What makes resistance to your desire to do the right thing so hard is that some of the urgencies of life seem to be of the utmost importance at the time.

We can overcome the "tyranny of the urgent" by sifting all that we do by the Word of God. Perhaps this is precisely what Solomon is trying to get us to do in his conclusion. Remember what Solomon has written: "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person." Jesus says it another way in the New Testament: So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Mat 6:31-33 NIV) God doesn't want us to live like those who are captivated by the urgent while at the same time, ignoring the important; He wants us to order our steps in such a way that He is our priority.

Bible teacher Donald Grey Barnhouse (1895-1960) told the following story: A young son of a missionary couple in Zaire was playing in the yard. Suddenly the voice of the boy's father rang out from the porch...

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## Words of Encouragement for Christian College Students

Find a church that loves Jesus and teaches the Word of God faithfully. By going Sunday after Sunday, your soul will find rest from the demands of your classwork. Worship is the one place where you don't have to be successful, you don't have to perform, you simply come to receive love and give love - like breathing in and out. Ideally, you'll also find connections with people outside of the college echo chamber - moms and dads with runny-nosed toddlers climbing pews, and elderly folks with wisdom beyond the latest academic trends. You'll be all the richer because of them, and they will also be because of you. (from [thebeggarsblog.com](http://thebeggarsblog.com))

## DONATE TO OUR gofundme Fundraiser

The mission of Faith Theological Seminary is to prepare men and women for the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have been working towards state accreditation and we have fulfilled all of the requirements and must maintain a \$500,000 surety bond. With your help, we can make a greater impact in Baltimore and beyond. With state-level accreditation, FTS can start an online program to train and equip more Christian leaders to serve God's Kingdom.

To donate, browse to [www.gofundme.com/raise-up-christian-leaders-in-baltimore-](http://www.gofundme.com/raise-up-christian-leaders-in-baltimore-)

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## ftsconnection Reporters & Contributing Writers Needed



Do you have a story to share about how Faith Theological Seminary has touched your life or the life of someone you know? If you we are interested in hearing it and sharing it with our readership.

We are also interested in students, faculty and staff who are willing to share relevant information of the goings on at Faith Theological Seminary, as they volunteer to serve as "roving reporters" capturing photos of FTS-related events and submitting brief summaries or articles to the editor.

The Editor of the *ftsconnection* is also looking for people to volunteer as regular contributing writers for the FTS newsletter. As a FTS newsletter contributor, you would write features, stories and columns that cover a variety of topics.

If you are interested in volunteering as a *ftsconnection* Reporter, send an email to the Editor at: [c.brooks@fts.edu](mailto:c.brooks@fts.edu).

## Social Media Campaign Continues Through Summer

Please support and spread the word about Faith Theological Seminary by writing a positive rating in the reviews section of the social media site that you use.

Let's work together to increase FTS enrollment by 100 students by the end of 2019!

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## FAFSA® News

### Changes on the 2019–20 FAFSA® Form

The 2019–20 FAFSA changes include the following:

- The [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) website has been redesigned so that the site pages will fit the screen size and shape of any device, including desktop or laptop computers and mobile devices such as smartphones or tablets.
- The online FAFSA form provides faster feedback. For example, students receive error notifications as they complete the form's fields.
- The income threshold for an automatic-zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC) has increased from \$25,000 to \$26,000 for the 2019–20 award year.

For more information see the FAFSA website at: [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).



### Tyranny of the Urgent (continued)

"Philip, obey me instantly! Drop to your stomach!" Immediately the youngster did as his father commanded. "Now crawl toward me as fast as you can!" The boy obeyed. "Stand up and run to me!" Philip responded unquestioningly and ran to his father's arms. As the youngster turned to look at the tree by which he had been playing, he saw a large deadly snake hanging from one of the branches! At the first command of his father, Philip could have hesitated and asked, "Why do you want me to do that?" His curiosity could have been more pressing than doing the important thing which was obeying his father. Phillip could have casually replied, "In a minute..." because he had to do "one last thing" but his instant obedience without questioning saved his life! The way to avoid reacting to the urgent is to know what is important. We learn how to discern the important from the urgent by acquainting ourselves with the Word of God. Once you can tell the difference between the urgent and the important, do the important thing as soon as possible. -CB

## Faculty Spotlight



Dr. Jeong A Kim graduated from Pusan National University in Korea with a degree in molecular biology. While she was studying in a Wisconsin graduate school, she received her calling to be a minister. From then on she began to pursue her calling traveling back to Korea to study MDiv and then came back again to the states to study MTh, MRE, DRE, and ThD at Faith Theological Seminary.

Today Dr. Kim serves as a Dean of Korean Program and teaches systematic theology at Faith Theological Seminary. She is also the founder of Nest Educational Ministries and serves as the executive director.

## Student Testimonies

I thank God for the wonderful professors and staff at FTS. Being a student with a disability, they show compassion towards our needs and there's always someone willing to help a student



who needs a little extra help. When I was trying to decide where to continue my education I had the choice between two seminaries. I chose Faith Theological Seminary because they graciously gave a discount to students with disabilities!

It's because of God's grace, endless studying and my professors that I received my Bachelor of Theology degree in 2017 and am currently working on my Masters of Divinity. "For the Faith, by Faith!"

**Panthea Gresham**

"When men once take an erroneous position in regard to the Word of God and its commands, that error finds its expression right down the line in all aspects of Christian testimony, fellowship, and work."

Dr. Carl McIntire