

Dear Friend and DTS Teammate,

I was honored when Dr. Mark Bailey, my friend and the president of my alma mater, Dallas Theological Seminary, asked me to write you this note to help announce the provision of a special year-end Challenge Gift for the Seminary's ministry.

I cannot begin to tell you in these few lines how well DTS prepared me for the ministry God has given my wife, Barbara, and me through FamilyLife.

As I reflect on my days at DTS I can't help but smile at the biblical wisdom and leadership "deposits" I gleaned from Dr. Howard "Prof" Hendricks' classes. Prof not only became my mentor, but a very good friend. Those kinds of relationships make DTS what it is today.

Another one of my favorite memories is sitting under the teaching of Dr. J. Dwight Pentecost, our beloved "Dr. P." I used to walk out of his "The Life of Christ" class, look up at the sky, and say, "Wow, we serve a great God!"

The solid biblical training I received from Prof, Dr. P., and many other professors has been the foundation of everything we do and teach in our work of building God-honoring families. That's why it was a huge privilege and honor to be asked to join the Seminary's Board of Incorporate Members—a ministry I gladly accepted.

As a co-laborer in the proclamation of the gospel, I'm honored to offer you a word of encouragement and a warm challenge at this important time of year for Dallas Theological Seminary. I want to encourage you to read Mark's letter with an open heart and then participate as God leads you to help us meet the Seminary's year-end financial needs for 2011.

And because I have this opportunity, I also wanted to make available to you my new book, *Stepping Up*. I believe its biblical call for courageous manhood will encourage you or a special man in your life. I hope you will request a copy.

I look forward to your prayerful response as a friend and teammate of Dallas Theological Seminary. Thank you for doing your best for the sake of Christ's work!



Dennis Rainey  
President