

*From the Guest Co-Editor:
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My time at Asbury Theological Seminary was a formative process in ways that are still bearing fruit today. The relationships that were formed there during the crucible that is doctoral studies are fondly remembered. The excitement of taking classes with world-renowned faculty coupled in a worshipping academic community that resisted the lure to separate academic study of the Bible from worship was crucial in the formation of my own approach to research. Not only did the faculty model this in their own lives, my peers also encouraged and modeled this as well. I am profoundly grateful of the incredible gift of mentoring and friendship provided by Drs. Ben Witherington and Craig Keener who were graciously hospitable to me and have forever changed my life in innumerable ways and continue to this day.

In the midst of doctoral studies, it is the community of fellow students that provide the encouragement, listening ears, and challenging conversations that remind one that one's value and worth is not in what they produce, but rather in their relationship to the God who has called them to this work. Therefore, in my own journey it would have been immensely more challenging if it was not for the encouragement and prayer of my friends, Drs. Philip Richardson, Tad Blacketer, Scott Engebretson, and Joy Ames. Their friendship was the sustaining force that buoyed the moments of stress, anxiety, and fear that all students move through during their time. Our time over coffee, lunch, or in the carrels, are memories that have now continued into our friendships today.

I concur with my colleague Dr. David Schreiner that it has been a joy to work with him and our peers and colleagues on this journal that is written in honor of the 10-year anniversary of the Biblical Studies doctoral program at Asbury Theological Seminary. It is my hope and prayer that this program continues to form and produce scholars whose desks are

their altars and whose scholarship is on fire, kindled by the Spirit and in proclamation of the Triune God whose kingdom is coming on earth as it is in heaven.

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