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Hi, my name is Tyson Parks, and I am pursuing a calling to ministry through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. As a second-generation pastor, my path to ministry has been deeply influenced by both my upbringing and a life-changing medical emergency in 2005. During that experience, I fully surrendered my life to the Lord and felt an overwhelming sense of peace and purpose. In that moment, I promised God that if my life was spared, I would dedicate it to sharing His message and serving others through ministry. That experience became a defining turning point in both my life and my faith journey.



When searching for a seminary, several pastoral colleagues spoke highly of UDTs, and after visiting campus, I immediately felt like I belonged. What I appreciate most about UDTs is the strong sense of community and support. The chapel services, faculty, and relationships with classmates continually encourage and strengthen me for full-time ministry. After graduation, I hope to continue growing in leadership, chaplaincy, and pastoral ministry. I am deeply grateful to those who invest in UDTs. Their generosity allows students like me to pursue an affordable, top-tier education while preparing to serve churches, communities, and future generations with faith and purpose.

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