

Chaplain Reflection – March 9-15, 2026
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I recently began reading a book by Steve Cuss called The Expectation Gap: The Tiny, Vast Space Between Our Beliefs & Experience of God. The opening few lines resonated with me.

“Many of us struggle with a gap between what we believe about God and what we experience from God. We believe things about God that we actually struggle to encounter in our daily lives.”

The book is built around 3 of them: The belief that God loves me, but I don't feel it; The belief that God is with me, but I don't see him; The belief that I should be further along by now.

While I think most people will wrestle with those gaps, dealing with so much of what you each experience on a daily basis can enhance those gaps. I think it's a space that we have in common. The question is what do you do when you experience those gaps – or others?

One of the roles of the chaplains is to walk with department members in those gaps – while admitting that we walk in those gaps at times too. Our presence is not to convert or to correct, but to walk with and support you, and at times to stand in the gap.

If you ever need to contact us, maybe just for a confidential prayer. You can call or text **816-726-7729**. That number is manned by the chaplain on call (so this week it's me)– and when it comes to our phones, it comes from the number I just posted, so we don't have your number unless you want to give it to us.

May you experience God's goodness and presence in your work this week.

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