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Alumni Spotlight: Esau McCaulley (MDiv ’05)

Current title: Jonathan Blanchard Associate Professor of New Testament and Public Theology, Wheaton College; Rector (Senior Pastor) at All Saints Anglican Church Naperville

Family: Wife: Mandy, Children: Luke, Clare, Peter, Miriam

Favorite professor: Dr. Sean McDonough & Dr. Roy Ciampa

Favorite class: Life of Jesus by Sean McDonough

Favorite memory: Meeting with Sean McDonough and hearing him tell me that I had the ability to do doctoral studies. His exact words were, “you got the juice”

Please tell us about your area of expertise and what courses you teach.

I teach New Testament (the letters of Paul).

How did God weave together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now?

At Gordon-Conwell, I dug into the languages and learned to handle God’s word with the care and diligence it deserved. I spent a lot of time with future pastors and future biblical scholars. I felt a dual call to both. Eventually, I figured out that I didn’t have to choose.

What are some things you love about your roles as a faculty member, professor, and/or researcher?

I love teaching people to full-on wonder with the study of God’s word and to realize that it’s not just them studying the word; God’s word is examining us! (And I love preaching his Word on Sundays!)

What are the current challenges of teaching in higher education, being a faculty member in general, and in your context specifically?

I think that on one hand we are in danger in our day of losing the value of studying the text in its original languages and taking the time to understand what Scripture meant in its time. On the other hand, we are in danger of becoming mere historians with antiquarian interests that matter little to the world we inhabit. We must allow the word of God to leap the gap and faithfully apply its truths to our moment.

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How has your Gordon-Conwell education served you in your academic work?

Gordan-Conwell taught me to read the text carefully and for that I am forever grateful. I think that much of the work of letting the text “leap the gap” and speak directly to my context came later.

Do you have any publications or links you would like to share?

I do have a children’s bible coming out soon called *God’s Colorful Kingdom*. Its aim is to help pastors and families remember God’s overarching story of grace and redemption and his intentional design for an ethnically diverse, multicultural church that cares for the vulnerable.