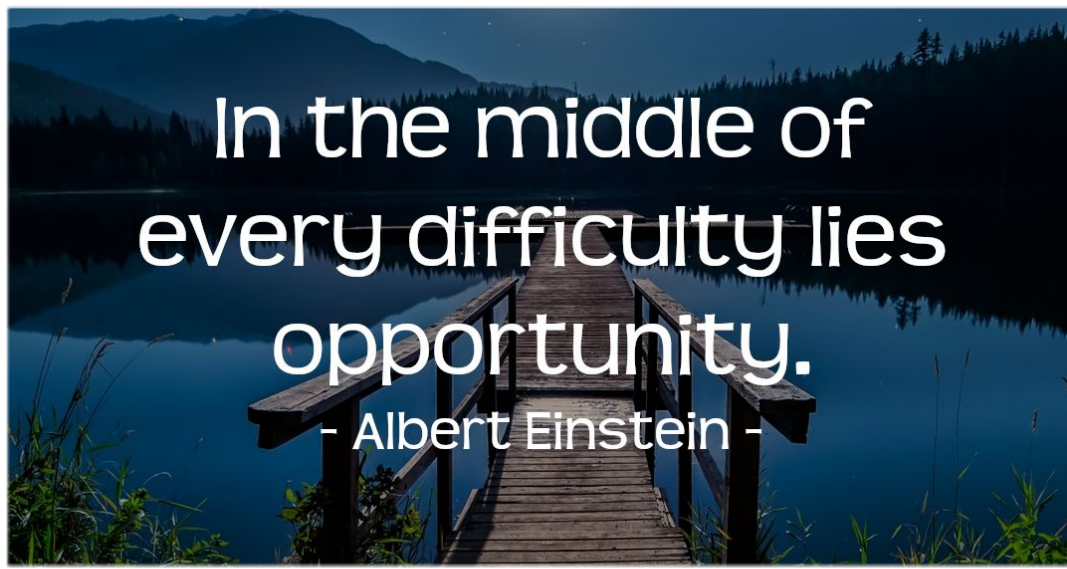


# Business Matters

The DeVoe Division of Business Newsletter



## A Season of Change

March has definitely given us some unexpected challenges as a division...sudden endings, social distancing, and toilet paper shortages! How do we handle having a full schedule and planned season endings one minute to abruptly canceling everything? Like most things in life, there is no quick answer to this question but there is opportunity.

While we understand that this is not the ideal learning environment, it doesn't mean that we can't learn from it. Even as faculty and staff we are learning new things from this challenge. We are extremely thankful for technology, and we are learning flexibility and adaptability. We are learning how much we miss seeing our students every week and how to find good in the unexpected. Most importantly, we are learning to focus on WHO we put our faith in rather than what is going on around us.

Think about the following scenarios from Darren Tyler, Pastor Conduit Church:

❖ In WW2 everyone in Great Britain was hunkered down in fear of the bombings from Germany. During that time, CS Lewis began a radio

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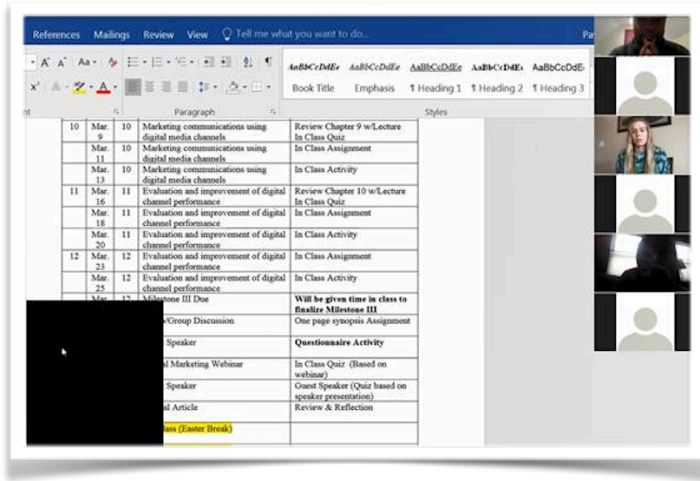
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broadcast. That broadcast became the book Mere Christianity.

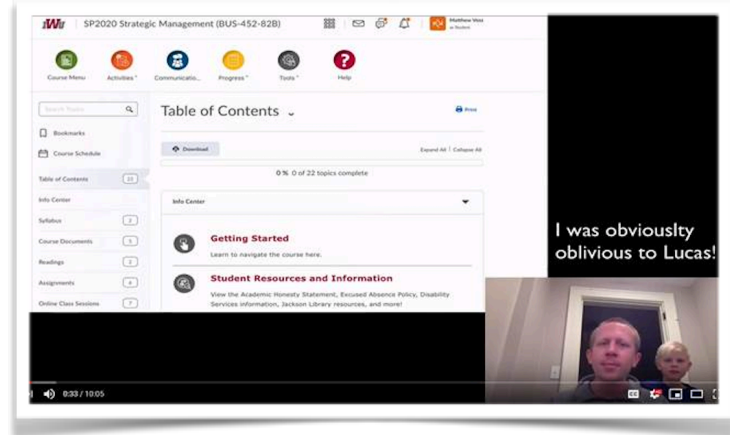
❖ Isaac Newton was 20 years old when the Bubonic plague forced people into isolation. During his year away from Cambridge he created the theory of Gravity.

❖ The Apostle Paul, under house arrest, wrote most of the New Testament.

There is always opportunity in our challenges. Opportunity to learn new things and reflect. Most of all it is an opportunity to turn our focus onto what matters most, our relationship with our Creator, who is always in control.



Although we miss having our students on campus and in the class room, we have enjoyed being able to still communicate with them through the multiple platforms we have available to us.



## DISCUSSION POST TIPS:

In our transition into online courses, many of you will have the opportunity to interact through discussion boards. With the use of discussion boards, you all are able to talk and discuss the information as if you were still in the classroom together! Here are some steps and tips to help you create an effective discussion post and get the most out of your online learning environment:

1. Do your homework so you know what is being discussed.
2. Read the prompts given carefully so you know how to respond properly.
3. Get everyone involved by posting a strong argument or opinion that peers can talk about.
4. Make sure what you say is relevant.
5. Present a unique opinion or idea to get others thinking deeply.
6. Prepare response in a word document or sticky note (just in case you lose your original post)

