



Why Become a Colson Fellow?



In 1999, Chuck Colson wrote that “We live in a culture that is at best morally indifferent. A culture in which Judeo-Christian values are mocked and where immorality in high places is not only ignored but even rewarded in the voting booth. A culture in which violence, banality, meanness, and disintegrating personal behavior are destroying civility and endangering the very life of our communities...weary, we are tempted to withdraw into the safety of our sanctuaries, to keep busy by plugging into every program offered by our megachurches, hoping to keep ourselves and our children safe from the coming desolation.”

Years later, the conflict has only intensified. It was out of this concern that the Colson Fellows Program was born. Who among us isn’t concerned that our culture is rapidly abandoning its philosophical moorings and the distinctively Christian ideas that have contributed to both the propagation of the Christian faith and unprecedented human flourishing? Suffice it to say, our culture is abandoning truth in favor of ideas that always and everywhere do harm to the human person and society.

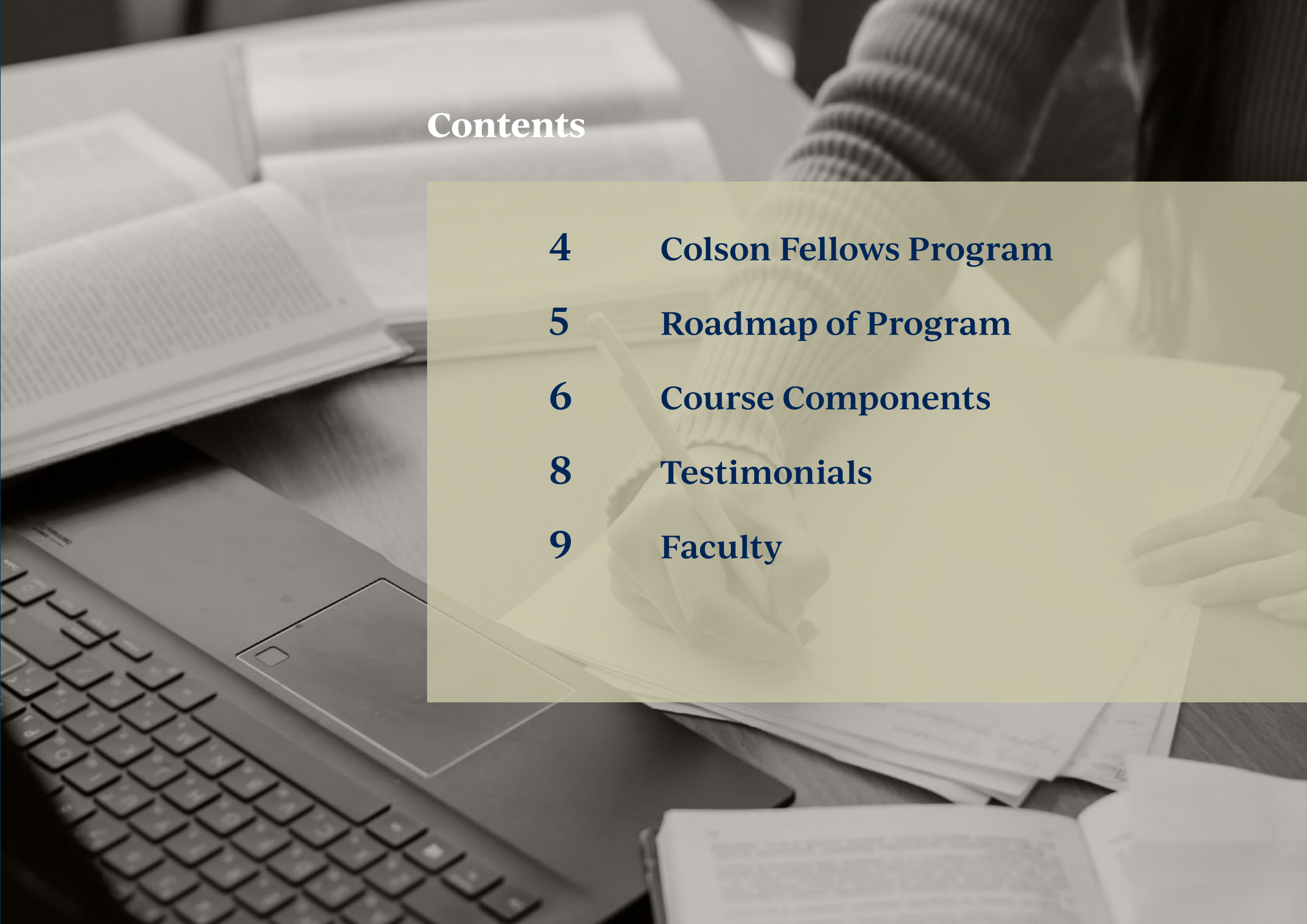
It is our love of God and neighbor that compels us to act on behalf of humanity and the world by protecting what is good, opposing what is harmful, providing what is absent, and restoring what is broken for the glory of God. The Colson Fellows Program will help you better understand the times so you will know how to live and what to do.

Why become a Colson Fellow? Because the world needs you!

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S. Michael Craven

Vice President and Dean of the Colson Fellowship

The background of the slide is a grayscale photograph of a workspace. It shows a desk with several papers, some of which are open and show text. A laptop is visible in the lower-left corner, with its keyboard and trackpad clearly seen. A person's hands, wearing a dark, ribbed sweater, are visible on the right side of the frame, holding a pen and writing on a piece of paper. The overall scene suggests a professional or academic environment.

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The Colson Fellows Program: A Formative Journey for Faithful Living

The Colson Fellows Program is a formative journey designed to shape how Christians see the world and live faithfully within it. While many educational settings rightly emphasize performance—demonstrating mastery through papers, exams, and credentials—the Colson Fellows Program is intentionally oriented toward formation: being shaped by what is true so that one's loves, practices, and convictions are increasingly ordered toward Christ and His Kingdom.

This is not a retreat from rigor, but a different kind of rigor. The aim is not merely to prove what one knows, but to be transformed by the truth of the Christian faith. The program seeks the spiritual formation of the whole person by deepening and clarifying theological understanding and practice, forming men and women whose lives are shaped by the reality of Christ's reign.

The journey unfolds through a carefully curated curriculum built around four theological pillars—Truth, Hope, Identity, and Calling. Together, these pillars trace the Christian story and guide participants from a renewed understanding of reality to faithful, embodied obedience in everyday life.

Through daily devotionals, curated readings, and learning alongside fellow believers and trusted faculty from across the country, participants are formed to think Christianly, live faithfully, and steward their influence with wisdom, humility, and courage.

TRUTH: The Christian Story and the Nature of Reality

Recover the Christian worldview by tracing the full biblical story—Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration—and discover how it makes sense of the world as it truly is. Participants learn to contrast the Christian vision of reality with rival worldviews and reclaim the gospel of the Kingdom as God's redemptive work for all of creation.

HOPE: The Christian Confidence in a Disordered Age

Cultivate a resilient Christian hope rooted in four unshakable realities: Christ is risen, Christ is Lord, Christ is making all things new, and Christ has placed us here and now for His purposes.

IDENTITY: The Imago Dei and the Meaning of Personhood

Reclaim a biblical understanding of what it means to be human by grounding identity in the doctrine of the imago Dei and addressing cultural distortions that redefine humanity as self-constructed rather than created.

CALLING: Living Faithfully Under Christ's Lordship

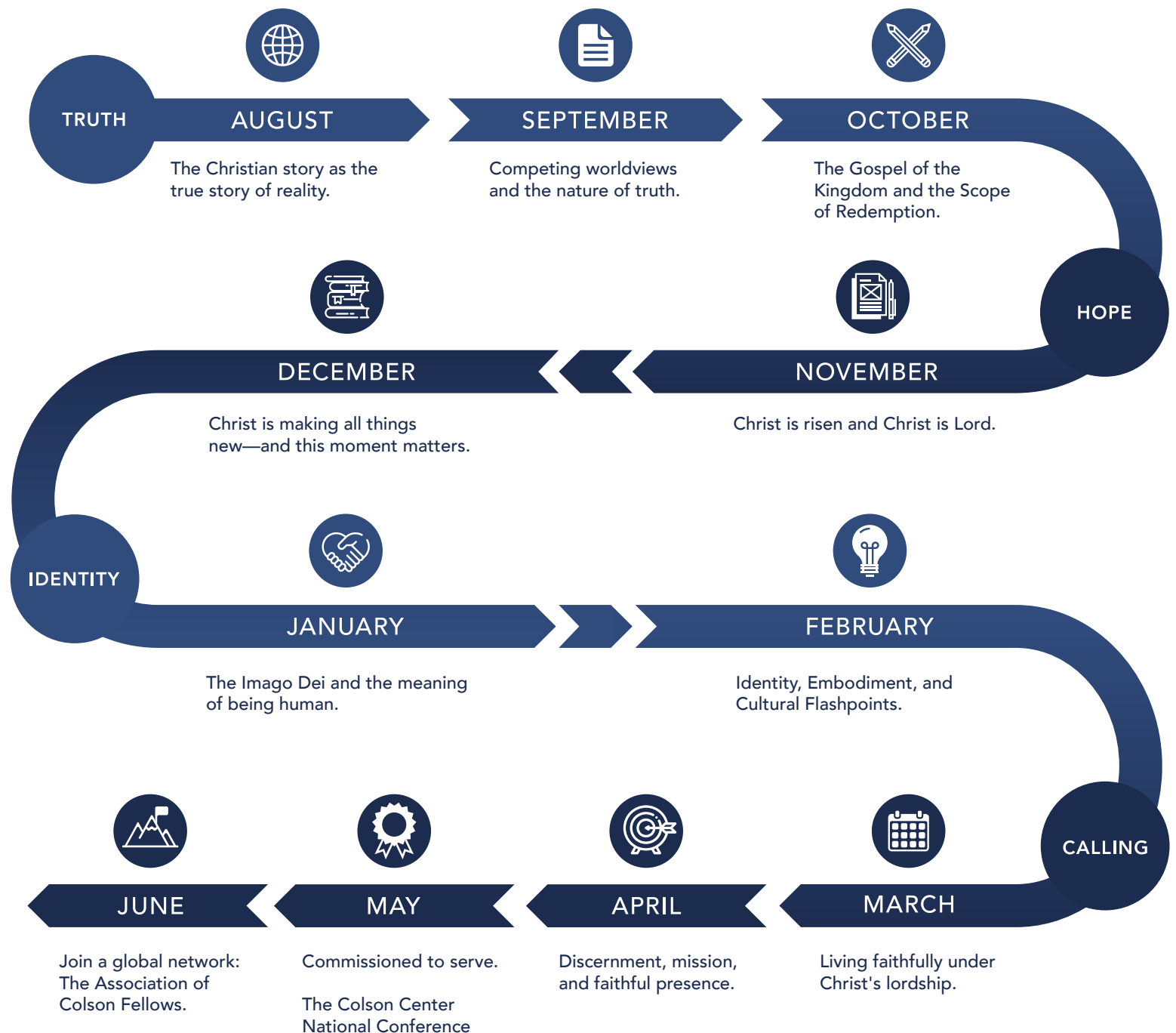
Integrate belief and practice by learning to live out the Christian faith publicly and faithfully in every sphere of life—family, church, work, and society—through intentional formation, discernment, and action.

Each phase of the program develops according to a primary focus

All course components and activities are designed to explain, develop, and sharpen that focus in the program participants. The topics for each phase frame the primary elements of the focus and guide the various learning activities of the phase.

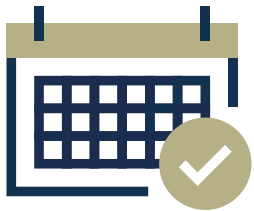
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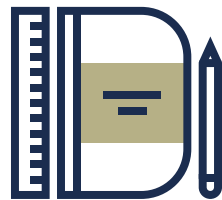
Course Components

The Colson Fellows Program is designed to walk alongside participants as they grow in wisdom, faithfulness, and discernment over the course of the year. Through a rhythm of reading, prayer, discussion, and practice, participants are guided into deeper reflection on the Christian faith and its meaning for everyday life. Learning takes place in community, where questions are welcomed, insights are shared, and faith is strengthened through thoughtful discussion and mutual encouragement. Each element of the program is ordered toward helping participants attend more faithfully to God's truth, live with greater hope, understand themselves more clearly, and respond obediently to Christ's calling in the world.



DAILY DEVOTIONALS (MONDAY - FRIDAY)

Daily devotionals provide a scriptural thread weaving together the course components as students study the full-orbed story of the Bible—Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration—and its implications for Truth, Hope, Identity, and Calling.



READING & DISCUSSION

Students read 12-14 books throughout the Program, along with a selection of articles and essays, **organized to support each phase of formation.** Monthly meetings allow students to discuss and process what they're reading with their fellow students and leaders.



VIDEOS

Cutting-edge videos serve as resources for discussion and teaching. The videos are intended to convey information as well as model approach, tone and attitude. Students are encouraged to pay close attention to what is said and how the speakers present their positions and respond to questions.



WEBINARS

Twice a month, students engage with leading Christian scholars and practitioners via webinar. Many of these leaders are the authors of books that the students are reading. Interacting with these leaders in real time deepens the experience with the most current ideas.



WORLDVIEW TEACHING PRACTICUM & PERSONAL MISSION PLAN

Students facilitate a four-part Christian worldview study (provided by the Colson Center), sharing what they have learned. The Personal Mission Plan aids students in discerning their particular calling within God's redemptive story, helping them identify next steps toward living under the Lordship of Christ in their family, church, work, and wider culture.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Students meet each month to review and discuss what they are learning with their fellow students and leaders to process what they're learning in a friendly, energetic setting.



COLSON CENTER NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Colson Center National Conference is the climactic event of the year, featuring a stunning line-up of renowned speakers and the Colson Fellows commissioning ceremony. It also offers times to connect with other dynamic men and women who are changing cities, industries, and mission fields. Registration and travel costs are not included as part of tuition.



Testimonials

From homeschool moms, public school teachers and college professors to pastors, CEOs, artists, and university presidents, Colson Fellows represent Christians from every walk of life who desire to understand the culture and know how to live and act faithfully within their respective spheres of influence.



"I am a homeschool mom. I don't have a successful career, I don't have strategic plans, and some days I don't leave my home in pursuit of my work. My work is raising and teaching my three sons, caring for my husband, and keeping my home. I consider it a great gift and privilege. My time in the Colson Fellows Program has been a sacrifice for my family financially and in terms of time but the return on the investment is invaluable. I feel more equipped to answer the questions and face the trials and difficulty my family will face in the future than I ever was before by pointing my sons, always, back to their Creator and His purpose for His people and this world."

Kathryn Miller



"The Colson Fellows Program is an incredible training ground for any and every Christian. Whether you are a new believer or have been following Christ your whole life, this program will take you deeper, give you answers, and teach you how to know truth. In today's culture, we cannot afford to be biblically illiterate, or to live passively within our small faith communities. We have a call from God to partner with His restoring of all the earth; this is no small task, but includes the entire body, engaging culture in their spheres of influence. This call is accomplished through the power of God and the Holy Spirit, but we must do our part to prepare too. The Colson Fellows Program will help you do just that!"

Katherine Whelchel

"Prior to the Colson Fellows Program, I was the typical Christian who went to church, got baptized, and was sitting around waiting for heaven. The Colson Fellows Program pointed me to biblical truths that have shown me how I can be a part of the restoration of God's kingdom right now. I don't have to sit around waiting for heaven because I can be an active member of God's kingdom here and now where God has placed me."

Kylie Reed



"The Colson Fellows Program has helped me form my worldview by the story of reality the Bible describes (creation, fall, redemption, restoration), rather than being formed by the hopelessness that surrounds everyday American life. As Christians, we have a bright and certain future. Because we are secure in Christ, we can afford to put it all on the line to bring the good news, the Gospel of the Kingdom, to the world around us that so desperately needs reason to hope."

Jack Bimber



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