



On Monday, we will celebrate Labor Day, a holiday that was established in the late 19th century by the Labor Movement in this country to celebrate the American worker. It is a time for us to rest and have a break from our normal routine, have time with family, and reflect on the meaning and blessing of work.

I think about how much my work has changed from a year ago. I think of so many across our university community and how different their lives are today from a year ago. So much change has occurred in our community in a short period of time. We cannot reflect on these things without including the fall of 2018 and all of the cumulative change we have experienced in these last few years. You can't help but wonder what could be next?

But also, what is stable and constant? I think of Pepperdine. Even though we are not together in person, I still see faces and hear voices of beloved mentors, friends, and colleagues at work. I still see how our mission is lived out--did you catch the wonderful [Year in Review](#) film on Founder's Day? Did you hear the [inspiring message from our president?](#) I am thankful and blessed for the steady constant that is this special place even in the midst of wild change. And, of course, I think of our Lord and Savior and His faithfulness in the midst of this turmoil. Despite the many changes in the work we perform and how we are able to

perform it, we are thankful for our work and the privilege of serving in a place with such a mission.

Colossians 3:23 - "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men..."

"We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed."
(Brother Lawrence)

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