



As I contemplated this, something happened. No, my head did not swell up. The self-doubt and accusations of the evil one were silenced as I was once again encouraged and impassioned about the work of Christ in the lives of the people through me. Who knows who will accept and receive what from the hand of God, but for my part I shall remain faithful to the work at hand and keep steady my plow.

The moral of the story? No matter what our life circumstances are, we all need to be deliberate about keeping counsel with God.

~John

#### PRAYER

Hi there. As one more way that I can serve the whole of humanity, I want to remind you that April 18<sup>th</sup> is the dead-line to have your taxes post-marked. You may consider this courtesy a public service announcement for the betterment of your life. (*self-consciously clears throat*)

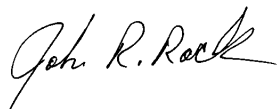
Well, the date and time are set: On April 9<sup>th</sup> Chesterfield's VOX Church will be sending a service team to one of the facilities that The Sharing Org serves to do basic spring cleaning of the grounds followed by a time of fellowship with the residents. We will be singing some worship songs together and the residents have been invited to sing special songs or play their instruments if they desire – some of them do, and it should be great fun! Please pray that the residents are blessed by this time and that they recognize the love of Christ in the servants who come.

Please pray for my family. I don't have anything specific to ask you to pray about, I just have a basic desire to see God rejuvenate our lives of faith. I guess the rejuvenation part is for Megan and I, while the kids will experience the trickle-down effect. I am concerned with the routines and the ruts that we've gotten used to that blind us to the work of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives. No, I'm not going through a midlife crisis or anything (*although I wouldn't mind a new sports car*). I am just mindful that my personal routines can blind me to the wonders of God and hinder my ability to share any excitement about them with others. Please keep us in mind as you keep counsel with God.

The other day I read that one of man's basic desires is to make an impact in this world in one way or another. Well, as one of our partners in this ministry (*and I do consider our prayer partners to have a stake in this work*) I am happy to report that every week YOU are impacting the world of many people in the care facilities. Slight as it might be in our own eyes, the emotional lives of the people I meet with every week are being significantly improved. Thank you for your financial and prayer support.

Talk soon.

Blessings,  
John

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Rock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.