

# IN THE JETSTREAM



## Choosing Our Path

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As an airline employee for 25 years, I've seen some big changes in the way they do business. What was important back then is not as important now, and new things have replaced them. Twenty five years ago Christian values were used when we talked about conducting business. Now the industry works hard at not using certain terms so as not to offend anyone. As a Christian this can be frustrating.

I recently studied the book of 1 Peter again. As I was reading, my thoughts went back to the gospels where we first learn about Peter. Although Peter had good qualities, I focused on a negative one this time ... specifically when he cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest when they came to arrest Jesus. In his mind, he was doing the right thing in protecting Jesus. Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword back in its place," and then Jesus miraculously reattached the servant's ear. At that time Peter was a "fight first and ask questions later" kind of guy. But when we look at the book of 1 Peter, we see a dramatic change in his thinking.

Peter learned as he spent time with Jesus that as Christians we are not to retaliate in the way our flesh might want to. As we read through the book of 1 Peter, we see how Peter's mindset was altered when it came to handling changes that don't go our way. He says we are to put on certain Christian qualities, such as humbling ourselves under God's mighty hand. We must put away malice, deceit, envy, hypocrisy, and love our enemy. We are to pray about these things, always seeking to do well and abstaining from sinful desires. We are not to retaliate, but bear up under the pain of unjust suffering. We are not to make threats, but should be sympathetic and compassionate. We are not to repay evil for evil, but

instead bless others. We are to be gentle and respectful, having the same attitude as Christ. We are to be clear minded and self-controlled, and are to deeply love other Christians. We are to use our God-given gifts to serve others. We are to be humble, committing ourselves to God. We are to cast our anxieties on God and set apart Christ as Lord, living our lives according to God's will. Do you notice how it's about God and not us? It is His plan and not ours.

When Peter saw that Jesus was going to be arrested, he thought He was going to be put to death for being a criminal. Peter didn't want that. It was not his plan. As we can see now, what happened with Jesus was good for all of us ... He died not as a criminal but as a Savior. We don't always know why things are happening, but we can always trust God to be working in them and through them all. He knows the outcome of all situations.

Humbling ourselves under God is doing His will whether we agree or not. Self-control is the decision to do the things of God first and not last. Staying alert is the ability to continually identify the difference between good and evil. No matter what is driving a continually changing business plan, we are to stay consistent in doing things God's way, and God will lift us up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6-8A: *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 8 Be self-controlled and alert...."*

Blessings,  
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**Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel**

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# THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

## History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



## Perspective & Focus:

Most people look at work primarily as a source of income. Some even view it as a curse imposed on them as punishment from God. *The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel* believes that God places a high value on work and is deeply interested in our work, our performance on the job and our relationships with our co-workers. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold purpose encourages people to *know and experience God’s presence with them at work* and to *trust Him for the enabling strength in the responsibilities and challenges of work*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

## Values:

- We value doing our work wholeheartedly as unto the Lord, knowing we represent Christ by the quality of our performance while on the job (Ephesians 6:6).
- We value intentionally engaging our faith in the workplace by expressing it in both deeds and words (1 Timothy 6:17-19).
- We value influencing the people around us by creatively building relationship with them and looking out for their interest just as we do our own.
- We value connecting the church in the workplace by seeking out other Christians, to mutually show our love for one another and our care for the people God has placed around us (John 13:35).

## Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

- WE OFFER:**
- Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
  - Free publications and weekly thoughts that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
  - Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



## The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

The ministry of FCAP is carried on by everyday ordinary people throughout the airline workplaces of the world who go to work with an extraordinary calling. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, FCAP is a fellowship of Christians who identify with one another through a common focus and purpose. And we desire to demonstrate how our faith in Jesus Christ can influence the people and circumstances of our workplace. We are blessed to have both airline and non-airline people who encourage and support this ministry.

## Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on [“Connect With Us”](#) on the website.



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