

Trust...

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When looking at a colorful sunrise on a cool morning, I marvel at God's physical creation. Yet as I grow to understand His invisible work in my spiritual life, I'm awestruck. Through my journey, God calls me to trust Him today, and yield. Trusting is hardest when I want something that seems out of reach.

Few times in my life have I been more devastated, frustrated, and confused. In the prime of my mid-grade officer career, I received my dream job: The Coast Guard Commandant's flight detachment at Washington Reagan National Airport. After commanding helicopters for 16 years, I transitioned to C-130's. I had worked for years to prepare myself for this job, viewing it as my golden ticket to airline or corporate flying.

It was not to be. After learning systems and operations of an aging aircraft that became unusable, my role transformed from operator to administrator. The sad shock during the detailer's phone call jolted me to my core... "Air Station Washington to OCA (office of aviation) staff – it's a great opportunity." No! Enough waiting, my time is now! I prayed repeatedly and fervently over several weeks, asking God for understanding.

"Trust Me, and yield."

"Lord, I trust You, but I've worked two decades preparing myself to seize the brass ring." I packed 13 years of our life in California, uprooted my wife and three young boys from our new house with a custom pool, good friends, great church, and family proximity. My professional clock was ticking, and the time of anticipation had come. I was ready.

After what seemed like an eternity of anguish and despair, I was talking with God while sitting in bumper to

bumper I-95 traffic near the Pentagon. I experienced a rare moment of realization that I needed to tell Him, "Yes, I trust You in this," and I got real with Him. "Lord, I yield, but what are You doing? You know I've wanted to fly the big iron since my Army days." "Trust Me. What I want for you is better."

His peace showered over me. I had the opportunity to lead a \$40 million jet deal. It was tough going from aviator to administrator, but a dozen years later, I see God's hand at work. He was teaching me to delight in what He wanted for me rather than what I wanted for myself. Freed from the responsibility and rigor of transporting the Commandant and Department of Homeland Security Secretary, I redirected my energy and commenced my Ph.D. studies. Little did I know that flying the boss would mean less than a doctorate in my second career.

God has a plan for me. What about you?

Prayer: God, I trust your heart when I don't see your way. Thank You for Your faithfulness. When You give me what is needed, Father, You receive glory through my work. Let me discover Your ways, where You're moving, so I can follow You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

FCAP has an ongoing relationship with Liberty University Aeronautical School's Faculty, with the desire to encourage their students to follow the Lord in their profession. This article was written by Capt. Mitchell Morrison, Ph.D. (USCG retired) who is Associate Professor and Chair, Flight and Aviation Administration at Liberty University's School of Aeronautics in Lynchburg, VA.



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.

OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD

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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