

IN THE JETSTREAM



A View of the Destination

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Have you ever considered that airlines provide people with a view of their destination? When you talk with an airline, you are thinking about purchasing a ticket to a destination. You are visualizing and planning to be at a place in the future. Maybe your destination is a place you have been many times, or maybe it's a place you have dreamed about going to for the first time. Maybe you are going to a destination for business, or maybe for recreation and rest, or maybe you are going to your hometown to visit family or friends. Because the airline is a means to fly people to particular destinations, the airline helps people to envision going there. Amazingly, when you purchase the ticket, your view of the destination seems to become more real; you begin to rearrange your schedules, spend money accordingly, and plan your trip more specifically.

All of us live with expectations of reaching certain destinations in our life. We regularly envision ourselves arriving at them, whether it is getting married, landing a career we've always wanted, having children, owning a home, and retiring securely. These are destination points we strive and dream about throughout life. Interestingly, it seems that much of our life is spent at trying to get to these destinations. But, while we spend much of our time thinking about reaching them, we should give greater consideration to what is taking us there. Like the airline that takes us to our geographic destination, we need a way to reach our goals in life. There are many ways that offer us a passageway to reaching our expectations and finding life's fulfillment. But the reality is...any means we choose to take, without God, takes us on a road that leads to a dead end street.

God's interest is more than just getting us to our destination by reaching our goals in life. He is equally interested in what we will learn in the course of getting there. In other words ... to God the process of getting us there His way is as important as arriving at the destination itself. Jesus said He is The Way ... not simply a destination (John 14:6). Christians live with the hope that God has provided the way through Christ for our being in His presence someday, and we talk about the joys of going to be with Him. But, in the meantime, we may give Him little attention, except when we want Him to help us reach our ambitions in life. And then, when we don't see that happening as quickly as we want or to the degree we want, we complain that God is

not interested in our happiness. If we are honest with ourselves, oftentimes we really don't want to get there God's way, but our own way. It is as though we are willing to blame God, even though we ignore Him and choose our own ways of reaching our goals in life.

All of us make plans and have expectations in life; God has made us this way. But are you spending your life dreaming about where you want to be someday, or trusting your way of getting there? God calls us to come to Him and acknowledge that He is the way. He also asks us to submit our plans to Him (Proverbs 3:5-6), letting Him lead us. Even in the difficulties of life, He will make a new or another way for our soul to find contentment and joy (Isaiah 43:16, 19). Why not let God be your way!?

In the process
The FCAP Staff

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 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 “Your Next Step” on the website.



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