

IN THE JETSTREAM



Approaching Storms...

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Much of the training that goes on in the airline industry gears toward dealing with problems and troubles. They may teach you procedures to keep things orderly during confusion, or what actions to take in bad weather or emergencies. Many airlines now even train teams to assist after tragedies. Rarely do you ever hear of employees going to company trainings that teach them how to have a happy day or how to become problem free. This simply does not exist! Interestingly, most company trainings prepare their people to respond to things they hope will never happen. On a personal level, we do the same by purchasing insurance. We do so not because we hope to use it, but actually our wish is that we will not have to use it. Even with the best of preparations, things can catch us by surprise. It might be the discovery of a health problem or the sudden loss of a loved one or a financial collapse. Maybe it is an unexpected demotion at work or loss of job. Things of this nature remind us that life has encroaching storms that we are not aware of, which can disrupt our life. Humanly speaking, there is no one that has enough awareness or resources to prevent us from facing them. So how can we prepare ourselves for these storms?

On one occasion Christ related a story in Matthew 7:24-27 that compared building a house to having stability in life. He portrayed two men, each building a house with probably similar materials, but on two very different foundations. One was built on a rock where it could be fastened, and the other was built on sand where it could be swept away. Then Jesus said something that

gives a real picture about life, "...then the rain, floods, and winds slammed against the house." He implies that life is built in the path of storms. But He also is telling us that the lasting quality and fulfillment of what we build our lives upon is not found in the things themselves, but in the foundation upon which we build them. We are told that the things of this world are passing away. Not that these things are necessarily evil or wrong, but they are only temporary and momentary. When our life is built only on them, like the sand, they provide no foundation when the storms come, and all of life can easily be blown away.

Building your life on the right foundation doesn't prevent the storms from coming, nor does it prevent you from feeling their hardship and loss. Building your life on the right foundation means that your life finds its security and fulfillment in God...even through life's storms. Jesus ends this story by dividing humanity into two groups. There are those who act on behalf of their own interest with little or no regard for God, having no foundation that will see them through the storms; or those who build their life by daily responding to God, trusting His word, His will and experiencing His provisions. Which group would you say you are in? (PMC)

"He will be the stability of your times, a wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the Lord will be your treasure." (Isaiah 33:6)

In His firm grip,
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 relationships with them and looking out for their interests 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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