

IN THE JETSTREAM



Non-Reving Through Life

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Most airline employees who have flown standby in recent years know how frustrating and stressful the experience can be. You plan a trip by looking at the various routes and connections that will take you to your destination and by the availability of seats on those flights. You usually consider alternative routes and most likely have a "Plan B" and possibly a "Plan C." As even those plans frequently meet unexpected obstacles, you often wonder if you'll get to your destination at the required time ... or perhaps at all. Wouldn't we all like to make it to our destination on the non-stop flights of our choice?

Travel through life can be like non-reving. Sometimes, even when our plans are based on wise and spiritual counsel, we can still find ourselves on "legs" that are difficult or more than what we planned for. In such times things can seem to us somewhat like our airline non-rev travel. However, from God's point of view, each leg of our journey through life is important and leads us to our guaranteed destination, whether it takes 3 or 10 legs to get us there. Each of them is part of God's design and purpose of our life's journey, conforming us into the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). They provide an opportunity for us to trust more in God's divine nature and power at work in us in order to protect us from the corruption that is in the world (2 Peter 1:3-4).

Yet, there are times when we can become careless about God and His ways. We think we know

how to choose our own way to reach our goals, becoming self-centered with little regard for God's ways in our life. God then may re-direct our course,



which may cause us to face difficult consequences in order to draw us back to Himself. This all points to the fact of how much God loves and cares for His children personally and how He custom designs the journey for each of us. Though God has not revealed how many legs I'll go through in life's journey, He does want me to know that

wherever the will of God leads me the grace of God will sustain and supply all that is needed along the way. What I must be willing to do is to allow God to direct or at times even alter my plans and ways. To God the course we take is as important as reaching our final destination.

Who is the one directing the course of your life? Do you feel as though you're destined by fate, or perhaps you are trying to be in control of life at the moment? Thankfully, God has already provided the way to go. And even though we may not know the routes He may take us on, we are guaranteed a successful arrival. Interestingly, the first century Christians were called "people of the Way" (Acts 9:2; 24:14). Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to God except through me" (John 14:6). Now this is a journey worth taking! (PMC & WJM)

At the gate,
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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