

IN THE JETSTREAM



The Forces At Work...

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We often use the word “workforce” to describe a number of employees working together to carry out a specific activity in a company. Together their cooperative efforts accomplish a bigger purpose than our individual responsibilities. For instance, a flight leaving Atlanta and going to Munich requires a coordination of employees and equipment. This workforce is made up of people in flight operations, ground people, mechanics, airport/gate agents, baggage handlers, and finally cabin and flight deck crews, all of which work together to carry out this purpose.

Do you realize that there are also other forces constantly working around you in your workplace? I don’t mean the company workforce, but spiritual forces that are trying to form your attitude and actions toward a purpose quite contrary to the Christian faith? It can happen when employees around you join together to show their disgust over the company, toward a supervisor, or maybe toward an employee with a troubling life. Their joint coordination is like an energizing force around you creating a general attitude or response toward a person or a company policy. Some Christians think that if they just ignore such things, or distance themselves, it will eventually go away and not affect them. But this is furthest from the truth.

Part of God’s design for maturing us as Christians is to allow our faith to be tested in a world with problems and evil (1 Peter 1:6-7). Jesus told us that we are to be His light in a dark world. However, our confrontation with these adverse forces often reveals our own weakness and vulnerability, and our tendency to become angry or fearful. It is at this point that God is calling us to come to Him by faith at that

moment, so we can experience the complete sufficiency of His power at work in us. God’s strategy in teaching us to deal with the adverse forces around us is not by ignoring or joining them. Instead, He alerts us to their danger and their persuasive pull, and He uses our encounters with them to draw us to trust Him and rely on His directions and strength.



Learning to rely on Him in the midst of our difficulties and problems allows us to experience the transforming work of His greater power at work in us, one that restrains us from returning wrong to those who wrong us, and compels us to do what is right even when we’ve been wronged. Learning to rely on God’s power and Word to direct us in life’s circumstances will produce attitudes and actions that conform us to His ways (1Thessalonians 2:13). Only then

can our lives become a sharp contrast to the forces around us at work.

“For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work His good pleasure.” Philipians 2:13

So, what forces are you allowing to influence you at work? Are they the ones that drive people to complain, want more, and be less content and more self-centered? Or are you being compelled by the love and forgiveness of God, which has set you free from the bondage of the self-serving life and gives you a motivation that exceeds any company incentive? We trust that you are experiencing the compelling power of God working in your life. (PMC)

“You are from God....and have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

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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 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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