

IN THE JETSTREAM



Working Beyond The Ordinary

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During a recent phone conversation a person humbly told me that he had received a very good evaluation for his job performance. But at the same time he admitted that what he had done was not beyond the ordinary, and that most anyone, Christian or non-Christian, was capable of the same evaluation. He then confessed that he realized that in God's eyes there is a different evaluation, which he didn't do so well at. Why? He went on to say that during the challenging times at work, when things were festering with negative attitudes, he would join right in with the pessimisms and complaining, yet still do his job skillfully and well. He came to the understanding that doing a good job, while at the same time complaining and even slandering, was a contradiction to what he believed about God and his workplace (Philippians 2:13-14).

You see, if our faith could simply be explained in ordinary terms, like human evaluations or man-made achievements, then it offers little or nothing more to people than what they can do themselves. However, the exceptional quality of the Christian faith while on the job becomes evident in the tough times when things are abnormal and out of our control. Certainly, we can thank God for the ordinary routines of life and work. But Christians are called to do more than just the ordinary routine of the job (John 6:28-29). Your co-workers and the passengers you serve should see in your attitude and actions that something bigger compels you than company or union incentive. They may not know who it is, but your life will testify of God when you are willing to act in faith and go beyond the ordinary. It could mean ... going the

extra mile, beyond what is expected of you. Or maybe it will mean your choosing not to return to people in the same ways they have treated you, but instead to bless them and pray for them.

We must not forget that the Christian life is an extraordinary work of God manifested through ordinary



people in the details of life. In our workplace, faith in God means more than just going to work and doing a good job for the sake of human recognition. God is calling us there to display our trust in Him and to show through His peace and strength the right response and actions that are beyond our own human abilities. We will not experience God's provisions in our workplace personally, until we are willing to come to Him in the midst

of the turmoil of work and discover His resources. God desires to show Himself in the ordinary details of our work by the extraordinary way He works in and through us to influence the people and circumstances around us.

How about you? Does your faith in God in the workplace compel you to live and work beyond the ordinary? Certainly our performing the ordinary responsibilities of life, in regard to family, work, and church, brings glory to God. However, it is when difficulties enter these responsibilities that we discover our calling to show the extraordinary work of God in and through us. This makes our job more than just an achievement. Instead, it makes it a calling from our Creator and Lord. (PMC)

With God in the routine,
The FCAP Staff

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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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