

IN THE JETSTREAM



Wondering... Does God Really Care?

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Have you found yourself facing a situation, feeling helpless and maybe even fearful, wondering if God really cares, because you see no immediate response from the Lord? Those who first followed Christ found themselves in such a situation. The story is found in Mark 4:35-41. The scene of the story is by the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had been teaching his followers about the Kingdom of God. Their understanding of kingdoms came from the examples they had of kings subjecting people to their rule and authority. But they were about to get a real live lesson about how God's kingdom operates.

Evening was approaching when Jesus asked his disciples to leave the crowds and make their way to the Sea of Galilee in order to cross it. They launched the boat to sail to the other side. Being fishermen, boating was very familiar to these men and so was the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was about to inject some very difficult conditions into this routine and normal practice of theirs, which they always easily mastered. In verse 37 we read that suddenly a fierce gale wind arose and the waves began breaking over the boat. Their confidence in their boating skills quickly diminished as the conditions rapidly grew violent around them. They had heard stories about these dangerous winds and how they had caused casualties in the past. But the greater challenge was aimed at their faith. Asleep in the front of the boat was the One who claimed to be the Lord and King of the universe. They had watched Him perform miraculous things for others, but now it became very personal for them.

Out of fear and panic the disciples awoke Jesus from His sleep. "Teacher," they cried out, "do you really care that we are perishing?" Many of us will admit that

we have asked this question at one time or another. It doesn't surprise God, nor bother Him. Actually, He welcomes such questions because He uses the opportunity to teach us that He is the sole object of our faith. We are told that Jesus got up and rebuked the winds, ordering them to be still. Everything became perfectly calm, including the disciples. Jesus then asked them, "Why are you afraid? How is it that you have no faith?"



Maybe you're facing difficult circumstances that have brought change and uncertainty to your life. You may feel weak in your faith or perhaps even feel you have no faith. Such trials are not given to us by God to destroy our faith, but to refine, refocus, and strengthen it in Him. We tend to see faith as our means of somehow moving God in His reluctance. But God, who is actively engaged in doing His will, views our faith as a declaration of our total dependence on Him. We participate with God when we rely on the promises He has made to us (2 Peter 1:2-4). It is in the adversities of life that our faith, not our strength, is called upon to trust in His care, His timing, and His will being done (1 Peter 5:6-7). Not until I willingly trust God in the storms of life, can I experience His mighty hand at work in my life and circumstances. (PMC)

These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

In Christ,
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 and weekly thoughts 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 [“Connect With Us”](#) on the website.



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