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WHO IS YOUR GOLIATH?

I am currently reading a book by Malcolm Gladwell titled *David and Goliath*. It has been a page turner for me because of some of the historical events that have occurred where similar stories have taken place. We love underdog stories, and David certainly appeared to be the underdog. Gladwell contends that in reality David had most of the advantages. He had trained most his life against fierce adversaries trying to devour his sheep. He could sling a stone the same speed as a professional baseball pitcher and with lethal accuracy. However, David did not claim any of these abilities when he approached Goliath. The only reason he gave for his confidence was God (1 Samuel 17:45). Everybody in the camp had to think David had lost his mind. For forty days, the Israelites had been overcome with fear as Goliath came out to taunt them and ask for Israel to send out a warrior to go to battle with him. When David shows up on the scene, his first response is completely opposite from the rest of the Israelites. He wants to know who this Philistine is who is defying the Lord's army. The only reason David could respond like this is because he had personally witnessed God's faithfulness over and over again in his own life. When he looked at the mirror, he knew he was a ruddy, skinny shepherd, but he also knew he served a God that delivered him from his adversaries every time, no matter how big or nasty they were.

David's Logic vs. The World's Logic

David's logic is not what the world would say. The world would say, "You don't have a chance. Strap on the King's armor and hope Goliath doesn't kill you with the first blow to the head." David's logic saw a situation just like he had seen his whole career as a shepherd. "Don't take any armor...that will only hinder you. Trust God and use your slingshot just like you have used it before in previous experiences in which God placed you prior to Goliath." What if you took that kind of perspective with you to work? What if you have a difficult boss who doesn't seem to get off your back? You don't want to work for him anymore and want to move to another department. What if this circumstance is the very circumstance for you to show off God at work? Maybe God is using this trial to show off His glory as you show kindness and a hard work ethic to your boss. What if you

prayed for that boss to come to know Jesus and His forgiveness? What if this difficult passenger who has had non-stop requests since they came on the airplane is the very person that needs Christ's love today? What if the cancer you are dealing with now is the very thing God will use to help you to minister to someone else who is fighting the same battle?

Looking To God's Faithfulness

How do we have this kind of logic and perspective? We expect it. We expect that the difficult passenger or boss is a given today and are not taken by surprise when the trials show up. We know that our faithful God who delivered us before will deliver us again. We pray God opens our eyes to those situations, and we look to Him to provide the wisdom and strength to deal with it. David didn't look to his own abilities to defeat Goliath ... he looked to God's faithfulness. God tells us in His Word that we are going to face the difficult boss and many other trials (1 Peter 2:18-24). As well as David did it, Christ showed us the ultimate example. When Christ suffered, He did not retaliate or return with threats. He loved to the point of dying on the cross. Love always wins. It always defeats the greatest of enemies. It surely can defeat our trials of the day. As a pilot, the first day you take a flight lesson the instructor teaches you to always look for a place to land if the plane's engine stops. Even as commercial pilots, we plan for the worst and constantly think of where we would land in case of an emergency. We expect the worst, in case it happens.

We are going to face a Goliath today. Let's ask God to help us be prepared! SW

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

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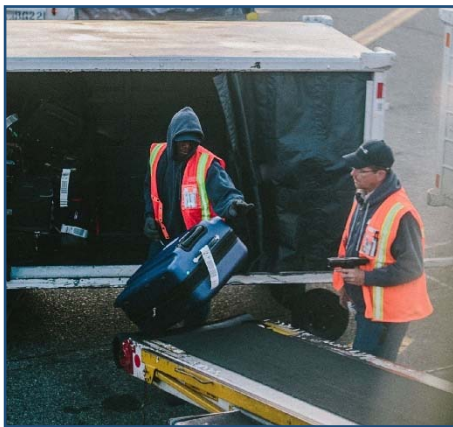
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*"If I ride the morning winds to the farthest oceans, even there
Your hand will guide me, Your strength will support me." Psalm 139: 9-10*

ABOUT US

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The **FCAP ministry** is neither a special interest group, nor are we for certain issues.



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.



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)

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.

FCAP's mission: *"To represent Christ in the airlines/aviation industry through meaningful relationships and quality work worldwide."*

FCAP's 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.*

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