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IN PURSUIT OF RECONCILIATION

A video clip was passed on to me of violence between youth of two people groups, representing two different religions. The video was so brutal and violent that I couldn't watch it; so I pressed the stop button. Watching the violence exerted by youth upon another single youth of a different religion reminded me of an uncomfortable reality that life here on planet earth is cruel and many are suffering. In the airline industry, I relate to one person at a time and I pray that differences are made in customers' and fellow employees' lives each day as I seek to serve God in the place that I also am able to receive a paycheck. Discrimination, prejudice, violence, or even tension is a constant around us and in our culture. Understanding that people are still suffering hurts reminds me how valuable it is to keep in mind that we are ambassadors for Christ and as reconciliation occurs, there is peace that can only be received through Jesus.

NEED FOR FORGIVENESS AND COMFORT

Looking in Scripture, the Apostle Paul gives us insight in his second letter speaking to the church of Corinth in chapter two. Paul shares of the wrongness that someone apparently did that hurt the church of Corinth, not necessarily in a violent physical sense, but in emotional pain that also affected them spiritually. The church gave discipline to the offender for the acts that were committed but did not feel that he was punished enough. Paul understands discipline. More importantly, he understands the need for us to forgive and to comfort. This is important so the person who offended is not so harshly disciplined that they become overwhelmed in sorrow or despair and are taken advantage of by Satan, possibly even falling away from God. In the workplace, in the church, and in the body of Christ, as we learn and grow, persons are offended and hurt by words and actions. We constantly need to forgive and comfort one another and to seek reconciliation.

GUIDELINES

Below is a guideline to follow when assisting in reconciliation or seeking it:

Acknowledgement...Honest acknowledgement, by all parties involved.

Regret...Expressing sincere regret and remorse for the injury that occurred.

Apologize...Readiness to apologize for wrongs and for inflicting injury.

Release...Readiness of parties to let go of the anger and bitterness caused by conflict and injury.

Commitment...Commitment by the offender not to repeat the injury.

Compensate...Sincere effort to readdress past grievances that led to the conflict and to provide compensation, to the extent possible, for the damage that was caused.

Relationship...Entering into a new mutually enriching relationship.

"Reconciliation" refers then to this new relationship that emerges as a result of this processes. *(Information provided by the Center of Justice and Peacebuilding, EMU, 2019)*

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Many persons are angry at God and want little to do with Christianity because of hurt experienced from someone or a people group that may have been "Christian" but may not have reflected the forgiving and comforting love that Christ died for. As Jesus forgave those who trespassed against Him, let us also encourage one another to forgive those who trespass against us.

In our respective airline working environments we face a tough road in which Christians are called to be salt and light. However, our God is faithful, and He will provide as we seek to be peacemakers. (EK)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9 NKJV)

"...all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation..." (2 Corinthians 5:18 NKJV)

Additional supporting Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:3-11; 5:14-21

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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

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 to be "salt and light."

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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