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## The Greatest Fear of All

The news focusing on the latest statistics about the Coronavirus and where it may be heading next has captured the attention of millions of people around the world. We hear how many are being infected by it, and sadly, that people have died from it. All this is having a paralyzing effect on many. This is not only impacting the lives of people personally, but also it has affected areas of commerce where business is being cancelled. On top of this, the airline industry worldwide has taken a hard hit, flights are being cancelled and employees are not working as much, which means reduced pay. We are watching the make-shift securities that seem to support, protect and comfort our lives, slowly erode away.

### PARALYZED BY FEAR

Life's afflictions show us our vulnerability and how suddenly life can change. Before we realize it, they produce a growing fear within that begins to paralyze us. We become anxious and scared of the slightest threatening news. It can stall us from making the necessary daily decisions of life, or we start making premature decisions primarily based on fear. Life then becomes edgy, hemmed in by our fears.

Fear is a big part of our emotional make-up. It has its bad and good sides. For example, if I see a tree starting to fall toward me... out of fear, I would run away from it, so it couldn't harm me. This is a healthy fear. But if I continue to dwell on this event and play it over and over in my mind, it can make me a fearful person staying away from trees, thinking they could hurt me. Though such fears are not realistic and probably will never happen, being preoccupied with fears will only breed more fear and overwhelm us.

### HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

So how should we view and respond to real threats... like the coronavirus? First, do not become overly obsessed by all the news reports. These reports can be overstated and listening to them constantly breeds fear. Instead, act responsibly and use precaution by following the common sense health guidelines of good hygiene. We should not think

that trusting God means we can become naïve to danger and evil and simply ignore it. No, actually the opposite, in God's Word we are told when danger is approaching to turn away or hide, or you could be hurt by it (Proverbs 22:3). But God knows when our minds become focused on fearing things, it will change our motivation. We will do things out of fear, and eventually it shapes our character and we become driven by fear.

So God invites us to enter into the greatest fear, that of fearing Him. The Bible speaks repeatedly of the importance of "fearing the Lord." When we "fear" God, we respect and trust His ways and provisions. It does not make us more fearful, because we understand His great power and His love for us (1 John 4:16-19). Actually, fearing God is what dispels all of the other fears that enslave us.

### GOD'S PROMISE

Has fear in some way gripped your life? God has not promised us that life will be easy and untouched by trials and adversities. Jesus told us that in this world we will have tribulations, but to take courage. He promises to give us His peace and power to sustain us in the midst of afflictions so that we can overcome them (John 16:33). David in Psalm 23:4 spoke about the Lord leading us through the valley of the shadows of death... and because of this, David said... I will fear no evil. May God help us to learn more how to "fear Him" as we make our journey through this life. PMC

*"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence."  
(Proverb 14:26)*

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."  
(Proverb 9:10)*

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# Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

*"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.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

### SOUTH AMERICA



In the above photograph are those who attended the second session of the FCAP Workplace Seminar presented in Medellin, Colombia. The location for this was the church "Centro Cristiano Familiar-Iglesia Cristiana Cuadrangular" in Medellin. Thank you, Diego, for once again being available to facilitate this presentation ... and thank you to the church for opening their doors for the training.

### COMING SOON TO MIA

#### When God Shows Up At Work



Seminar facilitated by  
Paul Curtas, General Director of FCAP

9:00am-1:00pm

#### The Rock Miami Church

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(Space is limited.)

## 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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CONFERENCE

is held on the second Tuesday of each month  
at 10 am EDT (1400 GMT).

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for details.

Next dates: March 10 and April 14

## 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)

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