These verses are very clear. Life on this side of heaven is going to be difficult, but one day we can look forward to a place without suffering.

Faced with Disrespect

This passage recently struck me square in the face. My wife and I were having a wonderful day. We had just enjoyed a morning hike on a refreshing but cold day. Afterward, we had warmed up at one of our favorite restaurants with conversation and hot soup. On our drive home, we stopped for gas at a very busy gas station. I had pulled in line for one of the pumps and had provided enough room to let the car leave the pump. As he drove off, another car came around me and took the spot. As he was positioning his car, I pointed to the pump showing I had been waiting for it. He was not happy and drove off, but while I was positioning the car again, he came back and took the pump with the intention of not leaving this time.

Having become extremely annoyed at him for cutting in front of me twice, I sulked in anger on the drive home, ruining a wonderful date with my wife. I couldn’t believe someone would be so blatantly rude. I read this verse a week later. It was a reminder to me of when people are disrespectful, I should not forget whom I look to and to whom I belong, Christ Jesus. Just as Christ was disrespected and humiliated, so too will his followers be treated.

Seeing the Needs of Others

Paul, the apostle, also experienced many occasions of difficulty and humiliation. In Acts 16, Paul and Silas bounce from town to town, usually beaten or thrown out of those places. The incredible part of this trip is at each stop the seeds of the Gospel are spread and begin to take root because of Paul’s compassion on those he meets. The story that resonates most with me is when Paul and Silas are in prison singing joyfully after being attacked. An earthquake occurs and immediately the doors of the prison are opened. The jailer is ready to kill himself with a sword because he knows his days are numbered since these prisoners will escape and he will be held responsible. Paul uses this opportunity to share the Gospel with him. The jailer drops his sword and is saved. Later that night Paul shares the Gospel with his family and the entire family receives Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Paul could have easily escaped and would have been completely innocent in doing so in the eyes of most people reading this story. The difference was Paul saw the needs of others. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that those needs can be seen. Because of Paul, this jailer and his entire family came to know the love and forgiveness of Christ. Who knows how many generations of believers were created by this desire of Paul to meet the jailer’s need.

The next time I am disrespected or humiliated, I pray that my response will be like that of Paul and I will turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Lord, help me see others with your eyes and meet their ultimate need, their need for Christ Jesus. SMW

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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 non-denominational. 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.

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Tuesday, May 26

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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.”

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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.

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