One recent morning as I was getting out of bed, I pondered over many thoughts and questions I had struggled with throughout the night before. How should I have responded or not responded to the twelve conversations that I had on the previous day? I wonder if I spoke the correct words in a given conversation where a person was grieving the death of a loved one. Maybe I shouldn’t have said anything and just listened? A pilot seemed angry with me in a heated conversation that we were having … should I have handled this differently? I had needed to follow up with a pilot about a customer service issue, but our schedules don’t line up and I keep forgetting to call the person. My mind has been reeling from feeling overly self-conscious, and perhaps there is false guilt over events that are going on and I have not known what to think.

Then the words and a tune of song floated into my mind … “All to Jesus, I surrender, all to Him I freely give... I surrender all...I surrender all to Jesus.” As I sat there on the side of my bed, I spoke out loudly, slowly and carefully to Jesus, stating all the areas that were on my mind. I then acknowledged, “I surrender all these concerns mentioned...I surrender each one of them to You, Jesus.” And then the thoughts, the self-conscious feelings, the concerns, the questions...all literally dissipated away in my mind. This is an example of prayer.

A BURNING BUSH EXPERIENCE

During the time that they were in the upper room following their last supper together, Jesus spoke with His disciples. One of them, Judas had just left to meet with the religious leaders to betray Jesus into their hands, and Peter had just been informed by Jesus that he would deny Jesus three times before the rooster would crow the following morning. In John chapter 14, verses 12-14, Jesus shares, “Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in Me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in My name you ask Me for anything, I will do it.” NRSV

Jesus came into this world to draw people to the Kingdom of Heaven, God’s Kingdom, and He will show us the way. Jesus’ disciples learned from Him and were guided by the Holy Spirit’s counsel. Our purpose, many generations later, is to continue drawing people to God through Christ Jesus.

As we focus on Christ, we also are guided by the Holy Spirit’s counsel. Praying brings us into God’s presence where we acknowledge our Father’s holiness. Visualize Moses standing on holy ground in front of the burning bush … in the presence of God’s holiness, in the presence of the King in His throne room … in the presence of a caring and merciful Father … acknowledging our pains, our hurts, or the hurts and concerns of others … seeking to bring the Kingdom of Heaven into the lives of our peers around us.

TRUSTING WITH ALL YOUR HEART

If there is something that blocks us in our spirit, we need to acknowledge this and surrender it to Jesus. Surrendering all to Jesus allows us to be transparent and willing to forgive, in anything that the Holy Spirit brings to our mind. As we confess what we know, then healing is able to begin. Surrendering to Jesus and acknowledging our Father’s hallowed name can take place throughout the day, not just at a certain time. Trust and acknowledge God with all your heart. Surrender your thoughts to Him through Christ Jesus and He will make your paths straight.

Keep praying! God’s blessings to you. EK

“In the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverb 3: 5-6   NASB

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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 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.

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.

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)

ONLINE FELLOWSHIP/PRAYER

Are you in need of
• Fellowship?
• Sharing?
• Prayer together with others?
• Encouragement in the things of God?

Then Join Us!

Via Zoom ...

Women’s Fellowship/Prayer Time:
Tuesday, August 11 and 25

Fellowship/Prayer Time for Everyone
Wednesday, August 12 and 26

Men’s Fellowship/Prayer Time
Tuesday, August 18

Visit FCAP.org for details or contact the FCAP Office.

WATCH AND SHARE ...

ACN (Airline Christian Network in Australia) and FCAP have joined together in a new initiative. Chris McDonald, who heads ACN, has made available this video in response to challenges surrounding airline/aviation employees worldwide. Please share this video with others in your networks.

Also available at https://acn.org.au and at https://fcap.org