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IN PURSUIT OF PEACE

The airline/aviation industry today certainly does not look the same as it did prior to 2020. Changes are rapidly taking place, leaving many in a state of confusion and fear and in search for peace in their lives. This leads us to the questions, "What does such peace look like?" and "How do we find this peace?"

Peace for the believer is a deep trust and joy based on the victorious work of Christ on the cross. It took His wounds to bring peace to a wounded world. When He is our companion in life, we experience His peace. *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me"* (Psalm 23:4). *"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand"* (Isaiah 41:10). We must remember that God does not give us His peace so that we can just sit back and enjoy it. He gives us His peace that we might be able to plunge ourselves into the tangled problems of a needy world and share Christ with those around us. When the Prince of Peace reigns in our lives, then the peace of God rules in our hearts (Colossians 3:15) ... and this makes us peacemakers.

If we want peace, we need to obey God's Plan - His Word.

"Abundant peace belongs to those who love Your instruction; nothing makes them stumble. . . I obey Your decrees and love them greatly" (Psalm 119:165,167). God says peace comes when we live according to His Word. If we don't abide by the rules as they relate to the various areas of our life, we will not experience peace. Just as a plane flies more smoothly when you operate it according to its design, our life will run more smoothly if we live it according to God's design as presented in His Word.

If we want peace, we need to concentrate on God's Presence.

Immanuel – God with us. We must learn to sense His presence and fix our gaze on God, *"You will keep in perfect peace the mind [that is] dependent [on You], for it is trusting in You"* (Isaiah 26:3). We have a choice of either focusing on our troubles or focusing on God, who holds the answer. "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God, you'll be at rest (peace)" - Corrie Ten Boom. What we focus on determines our level of personal peace.

If we want God's peace, we need to trust God's Purpose.

We must trust God's purpose. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths"* (Proverb 3:5-6). Trusting in Him is really all we can do. God urges us to just trust Him, recognizing that He is in control.

If we want God's peace, we need to Petition in Prayer.

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses every thought, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). First prayer and then peace. There is a cause and effect relationship here. Prayer is the cause; peace is the effect. If you are not praying, you are likely worrying. And worry is such a waste. Worry is the opposite of peace. "Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere." - Vance Havner

There is little peace anywhere in the world today, but for the believer in Jesus Christ, they have the only real peace that Christ bought with His own body. We who have repented and placed our trust in Christ are now at peace with God. There is no peace like the peace of God after having made peace with God. JGJ

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NKJV

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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 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.*

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, September 8 and 22 9:30 am EDT

Fellowship/Prayer Time for Everyone

Wednesday, September 9 and 23 9:30 am EDT

Men's Fellowship/Prayer Time

Tuesday, September 15 and 29 9:30 am EDT

Visit [FCAP.org](https://fcap.org) for details or contact the FCAP Office.

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)

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.



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