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PORTRAITS OF OBEDIENCE

Recently I went to a funeral for a friend of mine. Steve was definitely too young to die. He was only 49 with a wife and two young children. He owned his own HVAC company and was extremely handy. Everyone who spoke at his funeral talked about how he lived out his faith by helping others. His garage was full of broken treasures from people who couldn't pay for the work they needed done so he would ask what they could offer. Steve was a modern-day Noah, faithful and obedient to the Lord.

IMPRESSIONS OF NOAH

Most of my impressions of the story of Noah have come from my memories as a child or, more recently, reading it to my children. The image of Noah I have is probably similar to most children's Bible ... a pastel drawing of bearded Noah smiling on top of the ark with several playful animals all under a beautiful rainbow. In reality, this was not a bright spot for mankind. God saw the evil of the human race during this time and how all people continuously had wicked thoughts. Therefore, God regretted making humans and He would remove us from the earth (Genesis 6:6-7). However, one man among all mankind found favor with God, Noah (Genesis 6:8). The phrase "found favor" is an important phrase that should not be read too quickly. In the very next verse, we read how Noah was righteous and walked with God. If we read it too quickly, we can think that Noah found favor because he was righteous and walked with God. The order is important. God says Noah found favor with God. Noah did nothing. He was shown God's grace. Noah received this favor and out of this favor he began to live a righteous life. Noah did not earn it or deserve it. He was given this favor from God just as God grants His favor to those of us who have received Christ as our Savior. We've done nothing. Christ did everything. Let us be quick to show that same grace and favor to those in the workplace who have not yet received Christ.

A PLEASING SACRIFICE

God then instructs Noah of His plan to flood the earth and what Noah should do to prepare. Noah diligently begins his work on the ark. You have to believe Noah drew a lot of attention by building a large boat on dry land. Those around him surely mocked him and questioned his sanity, but Noah continued his work. Many of us feel mocked or judged by

those who don't believe in Jesus. Noah never lashed out at them. Instead, he faithfully built the ark according to the exact dimensions God gave him. He placed his best effort into the ark. It is a good thing he did because it ended up housing his family for almost an entire year. It should be the same for us today. Let our work be a pleasing sacrifice to God and one that calls attention to us so that we can give a reason for our hope. Noah was one of the first priests in the workplace, and the New Testament even calls him a "priest of righteousness" (2 Peter 2:5). Let us be those same priests of righteousness in the workplace who share the Good News of Christ by using the skills God has given us for His glory.

GOD'S WAY

God patiently waits for Noah to finish before He sends the first drop of rain (1 Peter 3:20). It takes Noah 120 days to finish the ark. How many people did Noah tell of the impending flood and their need to turn away from their wickedness? The flood points to the day when one day God will wipe out evil and wipe away every tear. There is also a warning that in order to approach God and be with Him we have to come to Him by the way He has made for us. Noah did not say, "Let me do this another way." He was faithful and obedient. God then calls Noah into the ark and graciously closes the door. A second judgement day is also coming. We have no say regarding how we come into God's presence. The created don't get to tell the Creator how things should be. God tells us clearly it is only through His Son Jesus that we can come into His presence (John 3:16). Our time in the workplace will one day come to an end. Each day is one day closer to this judgement. We should use our time wisely. Let us be faithful and obedient to the Lord. Just like Noah. Just like Steve. SW

"Therefore, I urge you...in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — which is your spiritual worship."

Romans 12:1 NIV

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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.*

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)

UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS



Is tension disrupting your life?

Join us for an online discussion on
Living in a Tense World
(Lessons from 1 Peter)

Thursday, November 5, 12 & 19
9:30 a.m. ET

Facilitated by Paul Curtas, General Director of FCAP

[ZOOM LINK for all of these events using computer](#)

Meeting ID: 7704619320
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PRAYER AND
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FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, November 3 & 17
9:30 am ET

FOR MEN

Tuesday, November 10
9:30 am ET

FOR EVERYONE

Wednesday, November 4 & 18
9:30 am ET

Could You Be Helped by Personal or Financial Counseling?

In light of current events and their effect on the airline industry, through God's gracious provision FCAP is able to assist with counseling needs in the lives of those needing new direction and hope. Recommended counselors are in place for both personal counseling and for financial counseling. To learn more...

[FCAP Counseling Assistance Policy & Application](#)

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