

IN THE JETSTREAM

Everlasting Splendor

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Have you ever thought to yourself something along the lines of, “I would love my job if it weren’t for the people?” At different times in my career, I know that this thought has crossed my mind. But Christians must resist this thought.

All Are Worthy

As Christians, one of the foundational points of our faith is that all people are worthy of our love. According to Genesis 1, God created all people, male and female, in His image at creation. This has a wide variety of meanings, but one thing that it does certainly mean is that God conferred value and worth to everyone that would ever exist. All of humanity, every single person that you check in, fly across the world, give prepackaged snacks to, and work with; everyone who yells at you demeans you, ignores you, and talks bad about you behind your back, even the nameless person you pass in the terminal, all of them are made in God’s image. And because we know this, we must treat everyone differently than how the world treats people.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:44, “*I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*” This is our call as Christians, this is the standard that we are held to. With this in mind, what are some really practical ways that we, as Christians, can love everyone we come across?

Fulfilling Our Calling

The first thing we have to do is treat everyone like they are human. This seems so simple, but how many people on a daily basis enter and exit our lives without us even fully acknowledging them? Doing this can be as simple as paying just a little extra attention to how another crew member is doing, sharing a warm smile with a passenger

that seems like they may be scared of flying, or taking an extra second to share an encouraging or welcoming word with a stranger.

Secondly, we have to understand that we have been given a responsibility by God to tell others about Him. This will always be the most loving thing that we can do for other people. Our God is love and does not want anyone to perish. That is why He uses his people to share the message of Jesus’ saving love with the world. If we are holding back from telling people that we come across about our God, then we are really holding back the most loving gift we can give them.

C. S. Lewis once wrote that “there are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.” What C. S. Lewis so poignantly makes clear here is that as we come across people, we need to realize everyone we meet is a special creation of God and we will, one way or another, play a part in helping them become, in his words, “immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.” Let’s strive to do the latter in all the big and small moments in our lives.

“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”

Matthew 5:44

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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

YET ANOTHER SKI ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER...



Whether this was a first time or a return visit, the 2023 FCAP Ski Adventure in Schladming, Austria proved to be a blessing once again. FCAP would like to thank all who worked so hard to make this event possible ... and to those of you who participated.

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