



God's Coordinates For Our Times

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For those who worked in the airline industry over 20 years ago, it is no longer a place where non-rev travel is easy or where the flying public is patient and kind. Also, airline companies are no longer one big family, but a corporate institution facing great instability and insecurity when compared to the industry of the past. And on top of this, the average employee has more pressures in his or her job, to do more in less time and fewer people to do it with. In the midst of all this, it is not hard for airline people to feel like they are lost in the turbulence of an industry trying to navigate through a big storm.



If you ask a pilot how they navigate, they will tell you they fly on radar using coordinates. Because you don't fly on streets with sign posts, coordinates give you your position and let you know your location and where you are going. Without them, you can navigate by sight to a point, but when you lose your visual because of weather, you become lost, helpless and greatly endangered. The airline industry of the past was like flying on a clear day. But in these days with its many changes, it's like bad weather has come in and people feel lost in it, trying to make sense of it all.

Being a Christian does not prevent us from facing these challenges, but it does provide us with the resources and coordinates to guide us through them. God's coordinates do not necessarily tell us what is ahead, and they do not prevent us from facing storms. But they will assure us that in the darkest night, with God, we are not lost and He will provide what is needed to see us through the storms in life. Our challenge is in some way like the pilot's. We naturally want to navigate by our own senses, but must learn to trust in the equipment and resources for flying.

Finding our location and direction in life is not a matter of working with a few coordinates. It is having our life centered and oriented on God himself. He provides a relationship that is much more than radar and coordinates. And though He does not tell us everything we would like

to know, especially in difficult times in life, He has promised to provide and guide us through them. He also has given us coordinates in His book (the Bible) to help us respond along the way and prevent us from being overcome by fear and anger, which often come when we navigate by our own wisdom. Of course, all of this is a learning process, one that is more than a theory we talk

about on Sunday. Rather it is learning to trust God and His almighty character and rely on His wisdom in our responses.

Do you feel lost in a present circumstance, where you are not sure where you are and where you are headed? Please don't think you need to go look for God's activity somewhere. God is asking you, in the midst of it, to humbly acknowledge Him by trusting Him in what He is doing, and by being willing to obey His prescribed coordinates in His written word. When life is centered and oriented on God, we will know where we are and where He is ultimately taking us...even in the difficulties of life. (PMC)

Trust 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 straight your (course) paths. (Proverb 3:5-6)

Under His guiding care,
The FCAP Staff

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN AIRLINE PERSONNEL

History:

The ministry of FCAP began in 1971 and was incorporated in 1973 when 50 people from eight different airlines in the United States and Canada met to consider how God wanted them to serve Christ in and through the airline industry. Since that time, the ministry of FCAP has spread in over 90 areas of the world. We do not have a membership or dues; rather we are a fellowship among Christians in the airline industry worldwide that share a common commitment and focus.



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. We recognize that both our work and the way we relate to people in the workplace are of great importance to God. So it is our mission: *“To represent Christ in the airlines through meaningful relationships and quality work.”*

FCAP’s two-fold 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*. We see authentic ministry in the workplace as a result of our displaying this relationship to our Lord within the sphere of our influence at work, without being coercive or self-serving.

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 relationship with them and looking out for their interest 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).

Making Your Connection:

Like the airline industry is all about making connections, so FCAP is all about Christians making their connection in the workplace in three basic ways:

- Connecting God’s purposes in the details of your work.
- Connecting ministry to God working through you to influence the people and circumstances of work.
- Connecting the church in the workplace in unique and creative ways, in order to extend and strengthen its influence.

WE OFFER: - Training that helps Christians integrate the Christian faith into the everyday details of our work and its challenges.
- Free publications that offer encouragement, gives focus, and provides information.
- Support and fellowship through local groups, prayer network, training sessions, special events and conferences.



The Fellowship of Christian Airline Personnel

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. The FCAP ministry does not focus on specialized people, nor are we a special interest group focusing on certain issues. We do not have a membership nor are we a club with dues. Rather, 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.

OVER TWO MILLION AIRLINE EMPLOYEES IN THE WORLD

Your Next Step:

Check on the FCAP website to see if there is a group in your area, or seek out and connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at the international office for further assistance or click on “Your Next Step” on the website.



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