

In the JetStream

Which Direction is Your Life Going?



RESPONDING BY WHAT YOU KNOW

When a flight deck crew has to navigate around a difficult area, where storms are brewing and conditions are volatile, one of the basic guiding principles for them is to identify their location in relation to the weather around them. In such a situation, they adjust their position to divert from dangerous weather based on what they know, not upon what they don't know. For example, they may not know where the storm came from or how long it will last, but if they spend time being curious about the unknowns of the weather, they are putting themselves and others in harms way. A decisive and immediate decision is required in times like these. Recognizing what is going on around them and how they respond to what they know is much more important than trying to figure out what they don't know.

In a similar way, we face storms in life that are unpredictable. These storms often come quickly, bringing confusion, turmoil and spiritual warfare. When volatile situations confront us, they could draw our attention away from God and away from what we know is right to do. We may face a harsh co-worker, whose words are cutting and painful. Or maybe the company announces a surprising decision that immediately affects our jobs in a negative way. Our natural inclination is to react or to try to figure out why and how this is happening. We can become caught up in spending precious time and energy in our assessment, while at the same time being drawn negatively further into it. We could become preoccupied with trying to figure out people's motives and reasoning. This

is not necessarily wrong, but if it delays us from doing what we should, then the time and energy we spend could be costly to us. Just like the pilot when approaching a storm, we need to respond quickly, so that our hearts do not become anxious and overcome by the conditions around us. Our diverting does not mean we pull away from circumstances or people, rather our diverting means we do not allow ourselves to be pulled into using the same tactics as the world does. Our Lord puts it very simply -- we do not return evil for evil, instead we respond by treating people in the same way we would want them to treat us. Does this sound too simple? Well, this simplicity can protect us from going further into dangerous territory, where the turbulent conditions of bitterness, resentment, and anger are brewing.

Are you aware of what is going on around you? First, begin by preparing yourself with learning how God instructs us to respond in some of life's difficult situations. This will help to navigate our way through them. There are times when God does ask us to wait before we react to unpredictable circumstances, in order to gather information before we respond. And there are times when we should respond quickly and correctly, in order to prevent us from reacting and becoming controlled by the situation. Also remember to pray on all occasions.

On His course,

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.



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).

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

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.

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.

Your Next Step:

Locate and seek to connect with other Christians at your workplace. Contact us at our international office for assistance or go to our web site and click on “Your Next Step.”

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