



From the Mailbox

Dear Highway News,

I wanted to write this thank you letter [for sending me the magazine]. I wrote to you if I could be mailed *Highway News* every month, but told you I really didn't have much money. I was at Grateford State Prison, where I was able to pick up a copy at the prison chapel; then I was transferred here, and they don't seem to carry it.

I admit I started reading it pretty much just because I like and drove trucks. I am from the [Lancaster County] area and started to feel a sense of connection, as there were a lot of "locals" in the articles. In time I found myself looking forward to "A Word from Dan" and "Green Onion" so I felt I'd just write to say thanks. I will try to send a donation as soon as I can to cover the cost of my subscription. Thank you!

Michael C. Huntington, PA

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A Word from Dan

July is a month for celebration and patriotism in North America. Canada Day is right out the chute on July 1st, and then the United States follows on its heels on the 4th. Outdoor grillin' and community gatherings are everywhere.

In your driving experience, have you ever enjoyed something like we did? One year, our family of five was driving through Ohio on I-71, from Columbus to

Cincinnati, on the July 4th evening. Southwest Ohio is fairly flat. As we passed exits for various towns, we could see community fireworks in the distance. We were not limited to one display but had the pleasure of six, all in one night.

I assume that most of us love our birth countries. We have fond memories and have embraced the values of our nations. For most of us, we are proud of our country and will argue its virtues and benefits. We will poke fun or, maybe, meanly criticize another nation because we think that we live in the best country of the world.

Patriotism is good and serving in ways to protect and strengthen our country is honorable, but there is a realm that rises above nationalism. Jesus called it the "Kingdom of God" and urged those who heard him to seek it. When challenged about loyalties, Jesus said, give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's (Luke 20:25). Our countries are good, but there is an even better kingdom. Governments and cultures will disappoint us at times, but the follower of Jesus Christ has a Leader who will not disappoint. Our country provides us with a national identity, but Jesus Christ provides new life to those who ask and provides an identity as a daughter or son in God's family.

National citizenship is wonderful, so go ahead and have a picnic. Being part of God's family tops it, so enjoy the daily journey with Jesus. Transport For Christ chaplains are available in person or by phone to talk with you about being part of God's family or to encourage you as you live in God's family. See the list of ministry locations inside the back page or call the Trucker's Prayer Line.

Be safe!

P.S. - I made this suggestion before, but it bears repeating: if you are one of the many people who pray regularly for TFC, use the Chaplains' Log page, the Coming Events list, and the list of chapel locations as daily prayer reminders. The TFC team is grateful for your prayers.

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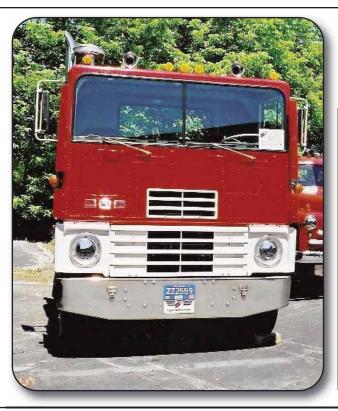
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<u>On the cover</u>: A banner on the bumper identifies this truck as carrying a "wish child" in the annual Mother's Day Make-A-Wish Truck Convoy, which has become a Lancaster County Mother's Day tradition. Photo by Doris High.

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.

Last month's truck (below) was a rare White
GMC produced between 1990 & 1995,
when White and GMC were together.



27th Annual Ohio TFC Truck Show & Benefit Auction July 6 & 7, 2018

Friday, July 6 - From Kidron to Mt. Hope

5:00 PM—Trucks arrive at Kidron Auction, Kidron; pulled pork sandwiches, homemade ice cream; music by John Schmidt

7:00 PM (approximately)—Trucks leave for Parade of Lights from Kidron to Mt. Hope

8:30 PM (approximately)—Trucks arrive at Mt. Hope Auction; music by Aaron Aaron & Liberated for Him





Saturday, July 7 - Mt. Hope

7:00 AM—Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
11:00 AM—BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream;
children's activities throughout the day, starting at 11:00 AM
12:00 Noon—Benefit Auction

For information, call 330-465-4587 or Facebook TFC Ohio



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Who are they?

Pete (Pierre), Ken (a.k.a. KW), and Mac discovered each other during an 18-hour blizzard two years ago on I-94 in Michigan. Each was doing whatever he could to help stranded motorists when they connected and realized they had a shared interest in following Jesus Christ and helping others.

Since then, every Tuesday at 8:40 PM (CT) they have been meeting on a group chat. We thought you'd enjoy listening in!

Pushing My Limits

Mac: I have a question to start off our twenty-minute call. What is the main occupational hazard in the truck driving career?

Pete: It's got to be getting fat. That inner tube around the waist is a constant battle.

KW: Of course you'd jump right in with the health issue. How many push-ups are you doing these days?

Pete: Only 50 at a time.

KW: Mac, I know you are driving at a point. What's the hazard?

Mac: First, let me hear your idea, Ken.

KW: Apart from the obvious, like fatal crashes, I'd say digital games. I went to university to study gaming technology and I love playing. But sometimes I get sucked into mindnumbing oblivion.

Mac: You're pretty close. In my opinion, the chief occupational hazard is letting yourself go to pot.

Pete: My French-Creole is not translating that. What is this "going to pot"? I don't think you're talking about legalized marijuana.

Mac: (big guffaw). Nothing of the sort, my Haitian brother. I'm talking about letting your interests and skills dwindle because the driving routine makes it difficult to build skills and develop new interests.

Pete: Ah, now I understand. Maybe you could learn a new language, le Français, for example?

KW: I think the smooth consonants of such a Romance language would get caught in Mac's Scottish beard. But seriously, you have a good point, Mac. Like I said about playing computer games, I can blow two hours while I'm off duty playing Monster Hunter or Call of Duty on my phone.

Mac: Right you be, laddie. Yerself, as well, Pete. Learning a language, whether French or maybe Spanish, is good brain training. And the best way to learn is to talk to native speakers. In other words, interact with people. That will keep your brain from turning to mush. In fact, speaking in a different language gives you the chance to view things from a slightly different point of view. A new context gets you out of well-worn tracks.

KW: You've gotten my brain synapses firing again. I remember a university professor challenging us to move from being consumers to creators.

Pete: There was this time I visited at

a truck stop chapel. There was no music, so one of the drivers went to his truck to get his mandolin. What a great time we had singing together. He was good. It was obvious that he used his spare time to practice.

Mac: Ay, I wonder if he wrote any of his own songs. I think we professional drivers don't give ourselves enough credit. We see the world from ribbons of concrete and tarmac but we do see God's creation and people around us from a certain perspective. We can write blogs and sing songs to encourage people. I'm having fond memories of Red Simpson.

Pete and KW: Who?!

Mac: Never mind.

KW: I listen to podcasts of Christian sermons that I download. But even that is "consumption." My pastor challenged me to memorize Scripture—even big chunks. I write the verses out on cards and take about a half hour of driving time each day locking them into my memory. So far, I've gotten Colossians chapter one pretty well covered.

Mac: It's time to go. I need to log on to a free course on introductory calculus. Sorry, Pete. French will have to wait.

CHAPLAINS LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

Today I had a driver from Romania and one from Brazil stop by. The driver from Brazil asked permission to take pictures of the chapel. I told him we have a chapel in Brazil and showed him the location in the Highway News. He lit up and said that location was not far from his house! We prayed and he left all excited.

- Chaplain Wayne -

- ★ Kenny came in with tears in his eyes saying, "I have had it, my world is falling apart and I don't know what to do." And he went on to share all his personal problems. I asked him about his relationship with the Lord. He told me that two years ago he would have said there is no God. But then, as he looked around and saw nature, he told himself there must be a God. I opened the Word of God and shared Scriptures with him, including the plan of salvation. He prayed and trusted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Then he said, "I feel so much better!"

 Chaplain Hank
- ♦ A driver from Virginia stopped in, with a heavy heart, having lost both parents in the past eighteen months. He just wanted someone with whom he could talk. He also told me he has gotten away from his walk with the Lord. I gave him a *Highway News* and a Bible. We prayed, and he left feeling much better.

 Chaplain Tim
- ♦ Brian came in broken, hurting, and searching. He has a good driving job, but his wife left him for another man. I shared with him about Jesus's love, and that with Jesus as his Savior he would never be lonely again. Brian fell to his knees and accepted Jesus as his Savior.

 Chaplain Chad
- ◆ Driver Larry attended the service; he said he recently lost his son and shared a remarkable testimony of how God used his son's funeral to win many souls for the Savior. Later, as I was leaving, a driver came up to me and told me how much he appreciates the min-

istry of the Gospel, which he heard while walking through the TV lounge (as services here in Brunswick, Georgia, are held in the TV lounge).

Chaplain John

- ◆ Driver Travis, from Montana, came in for a long visit. He only gets home for three days every four to six weeks. He likes coming to visit the chaplain for encouragement and prayer.

 Chaplain Ken
- → Jennifer came in today. After a long talk, I shared the Gospel with her and she accepted to Lord. Chaplain Richard
- ♦ As I was walking the lot inviting drivers to the chapel, one driver told me he didn't know there was a chapel. He was very appreciative that I invited him to fellowship and worship.

 Chaplain Darrell
- ♦ Driver Robert, from Orlando, stopped in. He is originally from Venezuela and speaks pretty good English. He appreciates living here and the job he has. He said his wife and children are still in Venezuela, trying to get a visa (he received political asylum in the U.S.). I shared Jesus with him and gave him some CDs and a *Highway News*.

 Chaplain James
- → Jack came in a little defensive about religion. He explained that he prays often and doesn't want to be a hypocrite. I explained to him that Jesus wants a relationship, not a religion, and that Jesus loves him. I read some Scripture to him and explained that relationship. Jack prayed to make Jesus his Lord.

 Chaplain Tony
- ◆ Driver Wac dropped in looking for fellowship after a difficult day at the border. I encouraged him to open up and share, and he said he lives with a difficult past. I shared from the Scriptures and prayed with him.

 Chaplain Len
- ◆ Peter, a believer, stopped in. He just lost his wife of forty-nine years and is grieving badly. He talked and cried, and I listened. I also shared with him about the grief process. I told him to contact a church he knew that would have a pastor that would be able to counsel him. I prayed for him before he left.

 Chaplain Dave

As you read these logs, please pray for the chaplains and those they minister to every day.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Pay Attention!

those electronic message signboards warning, "Traffic slow 10 miles ahead." In other words, "Pay attention! There's danger ahead. Be prepared."

A truck driver must have missed the warning sign, as he suddenly found himself barreling full speed into two

lanes of slow traffic. It was impossible for him to stop in time. Rather than plow into the traffic, causing a major highway disaster, he chose to drive down the right shoulder, barely squeezing between the vehicles and guardrail, blowing his horn continuously to warn drivers until he could bring his rig to a safe stop. He had missed the warning sign and found himself in mortal danger.

The Bible is full of warning signs, too; important messages we need to heed to

save us from certain spiritual death as a result of sin in our lives. Jesus warns us against the power of sin that can destroy us: "...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin (John 8:34).*

Note the use of repetition in "verily, verily." Anything in the Bible that is repeated is done to bring attention to what is said. In other words, pay attention! Three times in Mark 9:44-48 we are warned about the devastation of hell where "the fire is not quenched" (v. 48). But God

does not want any of us to suffer eternal death in the fires of hell, which is why His Word repeatedly warns us of its peril. And that is also why He provided an escape through the death of His Son, Jesus, so that our sins can be forgiven and we can have eternal life with Him in heaven.

Using repetition again so that we will pay attention, Jesus

said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). And once more, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47). Note the repetition, as if the Lord were saying, "Take note here."

If you heed the warning signs and place your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to forgive your sins, you can be

assured of salvation and eternal life in heaven. Use the prayer below to guide you in confessing your sins, and thank God for giving us warning signs in His Word to save us from spending eternity in hell.

Let us know your decision, and we will send you a Bible study just for truckers to help you on your journey of spiritual growth.

*All Scriptures are KJV

Follow God's Leading in the Road of Life

- ☑ Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- ☑ Confess Him as your Savior and Lord and turn from your sins.
- ☑ Pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross and shed Your blood to pay the penalty for my sins. Please forgive me and come into my life. You are my Savior and Lord."

Easier said than done? Stop by a TFC chapel (listed on page 15) or call a chaplain for more guidance.

☑ On the back of this magazine is a coupon to send to us if you have prayed this prayer. We will send you a Bible study designed for truckers, to help you in your new walk with Christ.

haplain David Phiri has been serving TFC faithfully for more than thirteen years as our lead chaplain for all of Africa. He serves as lead chaplain in Chirundu, oversees and trains our other chaplains in Zambia, prepares materials for the now nineteen daily Bible study groups that Chaplains Peter and Joshua have organized throughout the Copperbelt Region, and is now putting together a training program for the chaplains coming from Tanzania. These men will stay with David

for several weeks as they work alongside him at the border crossing and the various truck stops throughout Chirundu, learning how to reach drivers and share God's love with this neglected and marginalized group.

Each month I receive stories from Chaplain David, stories of lives impacted and changed by the Gospel. Many times these stories center around the

magazine you hold in your hands. The African drivers can't believe there is a magazine printed just for them, as no one cares about African drivers (at least that's what they have believed for many years). They are eager to receive these magazines, and they share them with each other.

We have drivers who have been saved as a result of the *Highway News*, including one driver who was planning to kill himself the night he received the magazine, but he decided to read it first. That night he tracked down Chaplain David in the wee hours of the morning and gave his life to Christ. He has since been reunited with his family and reconciled with his wife!

The Story of Enoch

Another driver who was impacted through the *Highway News* was Enoch. He received a copy of the magazine from other drivers and read it very thoroughly. God convicted him of his actions, especially of how he was not being faithful to his wife while he was on the road.



Stories from the

African Front

How God Is Using a Simple Newsprint Magazine to Change Lives

by Vice President of Overseas Ministries Kevin Scott with reports from Chaplain David Phiri



Chaplain
David
(right)
with
drivers
happy to
receive a
copy of
Highway
News.

Driver Enoch (left) and his wife pose with Chaplain Kamboni.



The result was that Enoch decided he needed to take his wife on the road with him, in order to resist temptation. While they were travelling together he received the January copy of the Highway News and saw a picture of one of his fellow drivers in it. Through that driver he was able to connect with one of our chaplain trainees, Chaplain Kamboni, and with Chaplain David. When they met at a truck stop outside Chirundu, Enoch brought his wife and three other drivers with him. After hearing the Gospel that day all five people gave their lives to Christ. Enoch and his wife now travel together whenever possible, and they tell everyone they meet of God's love for them.

The Fuel Attendant Was Intrigued

Chaplains Joshua and Peter were in a queue of trucks that were being refueled at a fueling station in Solwezi. When the queue stopped moving because a fuel tanker had arrived and was being offloaded, and as per the standard safety precaution fueling of the trucks had been suspended, Chaplains Joshua and Peter decided to use the waiting time to share the Word of God with the truck drivers. The drivers came out of their trucks and gathered where the chaplains were preaching, and many of them received Jesus.





When the refueling resumed and the chaplains were at the gas pumps, the fueling attendant, Kasongo, told them that he was amazed to see the truck drivers attentively listening to the preaching of the Word of God and to see some receive Jesus. He added that his late sister had married a truck driver against their parents' wishes, as they held to the belief that marrying a highway truck driver was a short route to the grave. "I have since held the same view as my parents, concerning truck drivers. My question is, how can a truck driver adhere to Christian values and keep himself pure in the trucking job and environment?"

Chaplain Peter said, "Let me ask *you* a question. What would you do if you planned to drive a long distance where there would be no gas stations on the way to refuel until you reached the destination?" Kasongo answered, "I guess I would have to fill up my gas tank and carry extra fuel." "You have answered well," Chaplain Peter said. "Likewise, any truck driver who desires to follow Jesus, even through trials and temptations, can do so by praying and reading the Bible wherever he may be; that's how he carries extra spiritual fuel until he reaches a fellowship of other believers where he can be encouraged and edified to abide in Christ."

Listening to this conversation nearby was a Christian driver, Chikonkolo,

who said, "Amen, Chaplain! To me the *Highway News* has become my helper and I call it 'a preacher in my truck' because when I am lonely and there is no one to share the Word of God with me, the *Highway News* does that for me. In my truck I keep different issues of the magazine, which I receive from the chaplains."

Mine Loader-Operator Drinks the Living Water

Leslie is a loader-operator at Kansanshi mine. On Tuesday, January 9th, after a busy spell of time loading trucks, he was thirsty and approached Chaplain Joshua, who was handing out bottles of water as well as copies of the *Highway News* to drivers who were queued up outside the mine as they waited for loading. Leslie asked Chaplain

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Joshua for some water and inquired about the magazine the chaplain was handing out to the drivers. Chaplain Joshua gave Leslie a copy and explained about their ministry to the truck drivers. Since Leslie had just taken a short break from work to look for some drinking water, he promised to read the magazine after work.

The following day, Leslie came back to Chaplain Joshua to tell him a wonderful testimony. When he got home, after taking a shower he sat down to relax and picked up the magazine, which was lying on the table with the back page facing up. His eyes caught the heading, "Do You Know Your ABCs?" Interested, he read through the Scriptures and, while reading, felt a strong conviction that he needed Jesus in his life and prayed the prayer in the decision box of the magazine, inviting Jesus to be his Savior.

"Did God really forgive my sins and accepted me when I prayed that prayer?" he asked Chaplain Joshua. "Am I really saved?" "Yes!" replied Chaplain Joshua. "If you prayed the prayer with all your heart, and believed in Jesus as your only Savior, then your sins were forgiven and you are now a child of God." After the chaplain shared salvation Scriptures with Leslie and prayed with him, Leslie left joyfully to start the day's work.





One of our supporting churches is raising funds to increase the number of *Highway News* we can send to Africa. Please pray for this endeavor.

Driver from Malawi Finds Highway News in South Africa

ax is a driver from Malawi who stopped by the chapel at the Chirundu border last February. He told Chaplain David that he occasionally traveled to South Africa via Chirundu but was not aware of the chapel until that very trip, when he was loading in South Africa. He said that while waiting for his load, he saw some drivers reading a magazine (it was the *Highway News*). Fascinated by the way these drivers were glued to whatever they were reading, he asked one of them if he could be allowed to read the magazine, too. Seeing that it was a Christian magazine for truck drivers, he asked where they got the magazine. The drivers told him about our ministry at the Chirundu Border. Thus, when Max arrived at the border and while awaiting customs clearance, he called Chaplain David on his cell phone and asked for directions to the chapel. When he arrived, he told Chaplain David that his family was from a different religion, but that a few months back he and his sister started attending a church in Malawi without telling the other members of his family. Chaplain David asked him if he had accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and his reply was simply that he had started attending that church and that he was still a baby in understanding the Christian faith and that, due to the nature of his trucking job, he was finding it difficult to receive steady teachings. That's why, upon receiving the information about our ministry to truck drivers, he made the effort to contact Chaplain David.

Seeing his genuine hunger to grow in the faith, David led him to the Lord and gave him a copy of the *Roadmap* of Life New Testament. They also exchanged cell phone numbers so that they could keep in touch through WhatsApp and David could guide him in reading and studying the Bible. Max said that when he grows in the faith his desire is to preach the truth of the Gospel to other truck drivers. He has faithfully stayed in touch with David through WhatsApp.

Wrong Thinking Soon Brings Wrong Feelings

Be very careful about what you think. Your thoughts run your life.

Proverbs 4:23 International Children's Bible



Mobile Chapel a Presence at Two Make-A-Wish Events

Again this year the Mobile Chapel was invited to participate in two Make-A-Wish events held in Pennsylvania: The Convoy for Wishes—Gettysburg on May 6, and the Mother's Day Truck Convoy in Lancaster on May 13. The Gettysburg Convoy for Wishes was started in 2001, with eighteen trucks and twelve with children; the 2018 Convoy had more than 160 trucks. The Mother's Day Make-A-Wish Convoy had its beginning in 1990 with forty-four trucks; this year's convoy had more than 530 trucks, according to reports. TFC's Mobile Chapel has participated in the Convoy for Wishes since 2014 and in the Mother's Day Make-A-Wish Convoy since 2007.



Gettysburg Convoy for Wishes



"Howard Goodwin, from the TFC York-Adams Chapter, led a devotional time at 11:00 AM. One of those who attended returned to the chapel several minutes after the service was over, asking to talk to Howard because she wanted to connect with God. We were thrilled when he was able to lead her to the Lord."



"We have a great parking spot for this event—near the food stands and children's activities," says TFC's Director of Staff Communications Doris High. Because of the chapel's position, it doesn't participate in the convoy itself.

Lancaster Mother's Day Make-A-Wish Convoy



"We are grateful to the Make-A-Wish staff who give us a great parking spot. It was fun to meet a parking lady who recognized us as we entered the lot, to see the big smile on her face, a thumbs up, then pointing us to our spot. We had two services, with thirty attending the first one at 10:00 AM (that's a full chapel!) and twenty at the second service."

The chapel was way up front on the convoy, right after the trucks whose drivers raised the most donations for Make-A-Wish.







Opportunity in Every Adversity

By Dr. Karl Benzio

oing out of Business Sale...Clearance Sale...Half off Sale...Buy One Get One Free...Outlets... Signs like these grab our attention. The reason? Opportunity is knocking.

Let me share another, even richer, opportunity that separates the successful spiritual investor from the one struggling to get by spiritually from paycheck to paycheck. The pivotal moment starts like this: in the middle of a pretty good day, something happens and your day gets messy—a deviation from your agenda pops up, or an unexpected adversity surfaces, or something painful occurs.

Anyone can have peace when life is going well. Unfortunately, for most people peace is dependent upon external circumstances. You can see how dangerous this is because rarely is life calm. Here's the principle that allows us to achieve the next level of abundant living. The inner calm graciously offered by God need not be shaken by what is going on around you. What God offers His children is radically different: a peace that comes from within, independent of circumstances.

The best thing to do when a messy event disrupts your peace is to stop what you are doing, take a "time-out," and ask for God's assistance. Try turning to and trusting in God in the midst of a messy day. God loves you. He knows everything, including what you need in that very moment to grow and help you achieve your deepest desires. He is sovereign over the universe, and He allowed the adversity/opportunity to happen for a specific purpose: your development and fulfillment.

The disruption to your peace is not from God, neither does it come from anyone or anything else; it comes from within you. The lack of peace comes from not understanding how God is using this event to protect you or prepare you for wonderful blessings in the future, including the mind of Christ.

Today, when you face a disruption in your agenda, try slowly whispering "Jesus." His name is a strong tower. Believing in His love, sacrifice, and power will bring you security. So take a time-out when adversity strikes, and perform some self-examination. Do you have trouble applying the armor of God, trusting God's promises and character, and believing Jesus' work on the cross for you?

The great opportunity God is dropping in your lap right now is to ID the false belief you accept more than God, Jesus, and the Holy Bible. Prayerful digging will reveal where you really place your trust when adversity strikes. Whether you see life's curveballs creating an opportunity for growth or you let them become an adversity that interferes with growth is your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father, this day feels very "messy" to me. Many things seem out of control, but I am trying my best to trust You to provide exactly what I need. I confess that my inner calm is easily shaken by what is happening around me. My knee-jerk tendency is to restore order to my little world to ease my pain. And when I do this, I mistakenly look outward to other physical things—to substitutes. I know that Your peace is available to me, but today I am having trouble accessing it. Help me understand, Lord, that I am not in an emergency and help me give myself permission to slow down. Let this slower pace make it easier for me to stay focused on You and really learn what I am trusting more than You when I face adversity. I pray this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

The Truth

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33 KJV).

"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10 KJV).

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

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by Gary Nussbaum

True Freedom

ere in the United States, July is the month when we celebrate the founding of our country, when it was declared a free nation. It makes me think of the concept of freedom, which is the elusive dream and desire of every man and woman that has ever drawn a breath. But any freedom we may have has its cost and subsequent boundaries. As human beings, it is our nature to desire freedom but without the boundaries. We are prone to see our freedom as a means to our rights.

It all started at the Garden of Eden; after Adam and Eve were clearly told by God not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they disobeyed—in a way, they wanted to be free from that boundary, that prohibition.

Adam blamed Eve for his disobedience, and Eve blamed the serpent for her disobedience. God was not about to hear their excuses. In Genesis 3:22-23 we read, "And the Lord God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.' So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken." God continued making His ways known to man through the descendants of Abraham. Although they obeyed God for a time, they always found themselves rebelling against Him. God's holiness brought His wrath to bear upon their sin, but His love always brought them back.

Man has forever been powerless to live in freedom from his inherent sin and sinful desires. God, knowing this, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to accomplish what was and is impossible for any human being. The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:4-7, "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but a

son, and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir."

Our greatest freedom is to live victoriously over sin. You will never be a better driver, athlete, or parent if you make excuses for your mistakes and shortcomings. To be a winner you need to accept the necessary coaching and be willing to invest time and effort in the practice necessary to accomplish the goal. Jesus told the Jews, as John 8:31-32 tells us, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." And when the Jews protested that they had never been slaves, Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin....So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:34, 36).

The Apostle Peter reminds us of God's divine power and precious promises for living victoriously in freedom: "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:3-4).

Have you found that freedom in your life, driver? If not, Jesus is ready to give it to you if you come to Him with a repentant heart.

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MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers

From the Logs of the Second Chance Chapel in Beaverdam, Ohio

- ♦ Driver James from Wisconsin stopped in. He lives mostly in his truck. He said he uses the computer for his fellowship with the Lord and study of God's Word. He spent 27 years in the Army. He is ready to go spend eternity with Jesus. We prayed together and thanked the Lord for His forgiveness and salvation.
- ♦ While I was passing out New Testaments, a lady accepted one and thanked me. She asked if we had any CDs. I told her the chapel was unlocked and she could go in and take any CDs she'd like. She said she would leave a donation.
- ◆ Driver Charlie, from New Mexico, stopped in for an hour or so. He is a good Christian man. We had a great time talking how God works in our lives.
- ♦ I spoke to a man and lady at the truck stop' she wore a "Blessed" t-shirt and I asked her how she was blessed. We had a great fellowship! I gave them a *Highway News* and prayed for safe travels.
- ♦ Driver Darryl came in saying he was homeless and living in his truck. He kept saying God will make a way. I asked if he had ever asked Jesus to come into his life. He did just that today.
- ◆ Driver Tyrone came in looking for Christian encouragement. We had a good time talking about the Lord. He then called a Christian driver and we talked with him on speaker phone. A great evening!
- ♦ A driver from Toronto walked past the chapel and I invited him in. He shared with me about his gambling problems and about his family. I shared the Gospel with him. Before he left, he allowed me to pray for him and his family.
- ♦ A driver from Texas came in for prayer. He and his wife are divorced, but still text each other. They have four children together. He would like for them to be married again. We prayed to that end, asking the Lord to soften their hearts. Both of them are drivers.

From the Logs of the Open Door Chapel in Frystown, Pennsylvania

- ♦ A Hispanic driver came in, identifying himself as a believer. We spent good quality time, and he was a big encouragement as we shared and prayed for each other.
- ♦ Driver Sam came into the chapel. He leads a daily phone devotional entitled "Church of the Open Road" with about five others who call in and join him. He asked me if I would lead the devotional this afternoon. After I agreed to do so, he came back into the chapel with his phone and called his contacts. I led the devotional from Matthews 13, challenging all of us to be faithful in meeting our God-appointment responsibilities as "sowers of the Word." We actually had a time of sharing prayer requests, study in the Word, and even questions and comments afterwards.
- ♦ Two drivers visited the chapel today. I had prayer with both of them before, and they told me how difficult everything is for them as they drive. Before they left I was able to give a Bible to one of them.
- ♦ Thomas came into the truck stop lounge tonight while I was reading my Bible. I engaged him and another driver in conversation and began to share the Word of God with them. I spent quality time with both drivers in regard to the mighty claims of Christ, and then I asked them if they would like to have Christ come into their hearts. The younger driver said he did, so I prayed the sinner's prayer with him and I believe he came to faith in Christ tonight.
- ♦ A driver fcame into the chapel in much distress and poured out his heartache to me. I prayed with him and read some Scripture to him. I then told him that he really needed Jesus to come into his life to help him find peace and joy. I asked him if he would like to pray with me and he said he would. I believe he came to faith in Christ today!
- ♦ Curt came in today to visit, and unloaded the burdens he is carrying. As a long-haul driver, he has no time for regular church attendance, plus there is trouble in his marriage. We talked for almost three hours, sharing our love for Christ. He left feeling so much better by having fellowship with another Christian brother.



More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace in the Lives of Truckers

From the Logs of the Harbor Light Chapel in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

- ♦ A driver who had stopped by three days ago looking for prayer came in today to let us know he is doing much better and to thank us for the prayers.
- ♦ A driver from Texas came in looking for a Bible as she'd lost hers in the hurricane that hit Texas. We gave her a new Bible and a book.
- ♦ John, from Wisconsin, stopped in to say hello and tell us that he appreciated TFC and what we do for the drivers. He asked us to pray for him and his friend who has leukemia. He is doing better and coming home from the hospital soon.
- ♦ George, from Kentucky, came in for prayer. His grandmother passed away last week and he asked me to pray for him and his family. I asked him about his walk with God and he told me that he believes in Jesus but he has strayed. He said two of his friends have helped him back on the straight and narrow path.
- ◆ Dave, a security guard, came in for prayer. Today was his mother's birthday, and with the Christmas season he is really missing her, as she passed away last April. I prayed with him, for the Lord to give him comfort during this time.
- ♦ Driver Brad came into the chapel carrying his Bible. He started telling me the story of a crash he was in last night and his need to return to the Lord. I planned to just look at Scriptures with him, but then another driver came in and I decided to hold the scheduled service. Brad rededicated his life to Christ today and the other driver was part of it.
- ♦ Driver Vincent is a new believer with a lot of questions. Brother Roger was in the chapel and he was led to lead Vincent to better understand the Scriptures about salvation and the lordship of Jesus. We prayed for Vincent and encouraged him to find fellowship with strong Christian men.
- ♦ A driver from Michigan came in and shared with me that he was debating if he should remain an owner-operator or go work for a company to have health insurance and more time at home. I told him I couldn't tell him which job to choose, that he needed to pray and search his heart, and God would lead him in the right direction.
- ♦ It was a rainy, damp day, but the Lord allowed me to shine a little light on a trucker's life. I wished seven drivers a Merry Christmas and handed out seven gift bags. The bags were accepted with smiles and hearty handshakes. Some drivers had tears in their eyes. These drivers are a long way from home and very grateful for some kindness!
- ♦ Two visitors came in the chapel today. They said they had never seen a chapel before and they live right here in this area! I told them what we do and they were glad that we are out here for the drivers. I gave them the *Highway News* to show them all the chapel locations and told them about TFC's ministry overseas. They were happy to hear about TFC and told me they will pray for us.

From the Logs of the Powerhouse Chapel in Hudson, Wisconsin

- ♦ Harley came in today. We have become friends and have touched on things of the Lord many times, but today he had questions. The Lord opened the door and I was able to present the plan of salvation to him. I am looking forward to the next time he stops in.
- ♣ A couple from a tour bus came in. They were from New Jersey. They just wanted a quiet place to pray.
- ♦ A driver from Arizona came in. He had a lot of questions as he feared he was losing his salvation. I ministered God's Word to him and trust he was helped.
- ♦ Driver Anthony, from Maryland, came in just to thank us for being here for drivers.
- ♦ Altogether this year we gave out 696 gift bags, about 40 dozen cookies, 85 Spanish Bibles and 175 Holman Study Bibles. Another great year of interacting with drivers!

ou may have heard it—the words I heard from a preacher once: "Reluctant obedience is no obedience at all. If you are not willingly obeying the Lord, you may as well forget it."

For someone like me, whose emotions take a trip around the world before catching up with my resolve, those are discouraging words. Does it mean my determination to obey the Lord, regardless of my many fears, misgivings, doubts and hesitations, is of no value?

I wonder if that was true of all the Bible's "heroes of the faith." Did any of them ever feel the emotions and fears 6-7 for his story. When God commanded him to tear down the pagan altar his father had erected, Gideon obeyed—but he did it at night "because he was afraid" (6:27). When God called him to lead Israel's army against the invaders, he asked the Lord twice for a sign that He was going to save Israel by his hand—never mind that the call had come directly from the Lord and He had promised to do it! "If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised," Gideon prayed—and then asked for the signs. God had promised it, yet Gideon asked Him to confirm it—twice! I think of God's patience with this man who was actually questioning His promise. He used him all the same—because Gideon was willing to obey, no matter how afraid.

Don't Feel Like it? Obey Anyway!

that so often plague me? I have learned to set the fears aside and act by what I know the Lord wants me to dois this of no value?

I think of Moses. Hebrews 11* tells us that, by faith, he refused to be part of Pharaoh's court and rejected the riches of an earthly kingdom because he "saw Him who is invisible." Yet when God spoke to him out of a burning bush in the back side of the desert, Moses argued with God that he was not competent for the task. "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" he asked (Exodus 3:11). God's response was, "I will be with you." But Moses kept arguing—he wasn't eloquent, the people wouldn't listen to him—and finally he asked God to call someone else for the mission: "O Lord, please send someone else to do it!" (4:13).

This is the man who later stood before Pharaoh, who called down the plagues, who led an unruly crowd of millions through the desert. He had fears, doubts, misgivings—but he finally obeyed, and God used him.

Think of Gideon, "the man of the fleece." What an unlikely character for a judge and deliverer! Read Judges

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And how about Jeremiah? The man who, at the Lord's command, would one day boldly preach judgment to his own people, tried to get out of answering God's call, arguing he was too young: "Ah, Sovereign Lord, I said, I do not know how to speak, I am only a child" (Jeremiah 1:6). (To his credit, Jeremiah kept his arguments to a minimum.)

And I think of Jesus' parable of the father who asked his two sons to go work in his vineyard (Matthew 21:28-31). The first said, "I will not," but then changed his mind and went, while the other responded respectfully, "I will, sir," but did not go. The lesson? It is the act of obedience that counts, even if sometimes the emotions or first reactions aren't exactly willing.

The point? God honors our determination to obey, even if, in our humanity, we do it with fears, misgivings, doubts—or outright reluctance.

If there is something you know the Lord wants you to do today—ask someone's forgiveness, stay away from that certain web site, be kind to that dispatcher, sacrifice a favorite activity so you can spend time with your children, turn off that TV so you can spend time with Goddon't wait for your emotions to line up with your resolve. To quote a popular advertising slogan: Just Do It. God honors our obedience, even when our feelings are not "with it."

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by David Roberts

THE RED LIGHT: IT'S THERE FOR a REASON

ey, Green Onion, hello! Do you copy?" called Night Rider. "Yeah! Is that you, Night Rider? What's happening with you?" "Well, I'm still shaking. I was riding with Diesel Dan and he ran every red light but came to a screeching stop at every green light. Onion, is Diesel off his medication or is he just a cracker head?" "Nah, Night Rider," answered Green Onion. "Diesel Dan stops at all green lights because he knows that I run through all the red lights and he never knows when I'm coming to an intersection."

God has put in every person a red warning light called the conscience, which helps us make distinction between what is right and what is wrong. When we listen and obey the red warning light or the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit, we will make good, moral, sensible decisions. When we disobey His voice, we grieve or quench the Holy Spirit of God.

All people basically know God's commandments because God has written them on our hearts. The Apostle Paul says that all have an innate awareness and instinctively know His laws: "...these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness..." (Romans 2:14b-15 NKJV). "Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed..." (I Timothy 1:5-6a NKJV)—in other words, they ran through the red light.

When we stray from the Lord and violate His holy standard, our conscience turns on the red warning light, like the dashboard of our rig or car, and we know something is wrong. Our oil or batteries may be low. The mind's security system flashes red and produces guilt, doubt or fear. When we are convicted of our sin by this warning, we need to come to a full stop and consider how this action will affect our spiritual well being. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of the faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22 NKJV).

Before we hit a red light, there is a yellow light that tells us to slow down and be cautious because the red light for a full stop is coming. When we obey God's laws that protect us, when we do His will, we experience His peace and fullness of joy. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV). Your heart and mind are the temple of the Lord, and God has promised to guard it as you obey Him: "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are" (I Corinthians 3:16-17 NKJV). The Apostle Paul also said, "This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16 NKJV).

I pray that we will be a pure temple of God, obeying His red warning light, and that we may have the same testimony of the Apostle Paul who said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day" (Acts 23:1 NKJV). "I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day" (II Timothy 1:3 NKJV).

Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds to see if there is any offense or sin in us, and please forgive us. Help us through Your Word to have a clear conscience and give us the wisdom from above to obey our inner alarm system, the red warning light our conscience. Amen.

Green Onion

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ELIEVE IN JESUS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS AND FOR ETERNAL LIFE. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

ONFESS JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD AND TURN FROM YOUR SINS. "... if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved ... for 'Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:9, 13). "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

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