

Going Into the World—For the Sake of Truckers

HIGHWAY NEWS *AND GOOD NEWS*



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From Our Mailbox

Hey, TFC Folks!

Hope this note finds you all doing well, with plenty of blessings and the ability to deal with whatever is coming down the pike at you...

Thank you for the ministry of TFC. We pray for you all and are very thankful for your ministry. It's hard to believe that it has been almost 20 years since I first heard of your ministry. Although retired and not able to hold a CDL (I got old!), I still feel a connection with trucking and appreciate the hardships and blessings that folks go through so my family can be fed, clothed, fueled for the highway, and pretty much every other material thing that happens in our lives. God bless you all! Enclosed is a small check for the general fund.

Please pass on to Chaplain Gary at the Lodi Chapel that I appreciated our conversation last weekend on the prayer line... His February column was most challenging (and encouraging)... The March one reminded me how terribly self-sufficient I am...

Anyway, as always, the TFC magazine that shows up each month is a real blessing... You folks are in the real front lines of this goofy world's problems. Thank you for continuing to follow God's leading for this ministry.

David & Mary Hokenson



A Word from Our President

Who Is in the Driver's Seat?

The Bible says, *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me"* (Gal. 2:20).

As truckers, I am sure you have seen a bumper sticker with a familiar Christian phrase on it. It would have said "Jesus is my co-pilot." That bumper sticker may be a well-intentioned sentiment, but it has always troubled me, probably because I have come to realize that whenever I'm in the driver's seat of my life, the destination is nowhere good. Jesus is not meant to be just a spiritual "co-pilot," giving directions every now and then. He is always meant to be in the driver's seat, period! So my question to you is this: who is holding the steering wheel of your life? Is it you, or is it God? When you are taking that long haul across country and the loneliness sets in and you are tempted to do something that you shouldn't be doing, believing no one will ever know, who wins the battle? You or God?

We often say that Jesus died for us, which of course is true. But there's more to it than that. Because Jesus died on the cross, something inside of us died—the power of sin. It's what Paul meant when he said, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). We were essentially co-crucified with Him. With Jesus in the driver's seat, the old destinations are off-limits. No more turning down the streets of self-centeredness, of greed, of sexual or chemical addiction. No more off-road ventures into the swamp of pride or the ditch of bitterness. We were crucified with Him and He is at the wheel now! He died so that He alone can drive and define us.

So, if you've died and Christ lives in you, He's not your co-pilot. Your joy is to let Him drive and define your life. There may be a few bumps in the road, but you can count on it—He'll take you somewhere good. Still at the wheel of your life? Then it is time to let Jesus be in the driver's seat!

Transport For Christ is an organization that provides an effective ministry to commercial drivers, their families, and the trucking community throughout the world, wherever there is a significant trucking industry. The aim of the organization is to lead commercial drivers as well as the trucking community to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. TFC is about building relationships, sharing faith, and providing a place for drivers to be refreshed physically, mentally, and spiritually. If you find yourself feeling alone on the road and in a bad place, then stop and visit with one of our chaplains. We would love to help you! Our chapel locations can be found on page 15 of this magazine.

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*Leading truck drivers as well as the trucking community
to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith*

THIS IS MY STORY

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story"

"I Was Given a Choice"

Psalms 107:2

I started my professional trucking career at the age of nineteen. Growing up in a trucking family, it was just natural for me to join the profession. Some of my earliest memories are of my dad's big red KB11. Early in my marriage, I began to stay away from home for several days at a time. I had to prove to the older drivers that I could do the job, and I discovered drugs were my answer to running longer and harder than the rest. Over the next eight years, my drug and alcohol use led to infidelity in my marriage. My wife and I were expecting our second child when we decided that after the baby was born we would divorce.

We had been taking our son to church when I was home on weekends. I grew up going to church with my grandmothers and I believed in God and that Jesus loved me. But I was going to church only because I knew my son needed God in his life. For over two years, I heard the preacher share the love of Jesus, and many times I felt the Holy Spirit pulling me toward the altar, but I resisted.

In October 1979, I was on my way to Kansas City when God spoke to me that I had rejected Him over and over and that if I rejected Him that day, He would never come to me again. I began to talk to Him, confessing that I was lost and did not want to go to hell. I had tried to change my destructive lifestyle but always returned to the drugs, booze, and women. I said, "God, I

can't change, but I can't live this way anymore. If you will take me just as I am, I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior." God took me just as I was. There was nothing I could do to make myself clean enough for heaven. Jesus did it all on the cross for me.

I returned home from that trip and confessed to my wife all the things that had been going on in my life, and I told her that I had accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. My wife told me to pack up and leave. I accepted that I had brought all of this on myself. When I returned three days later to see my son and retrieve some personal items, she asked, "Is it real? Did you really accept Jesus?" My response was yes, and that I would serve Him with or without her, but I would like it to be with her. At that point we got on our knees and she asked Jesus into her heart. She then turned to me and said, "As of now, we start over." We have now been married for over forty-seven years and have three sons who have Christian homes and godly wives.

In 2003, my faith was put to the ultimate test when my wife was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer and the only hope the doctors gave her was to have a large section of her liver removed along with the tumor. The chances of survival were slim even if she survived the surgery. After months of chemo, the cancer was gone. Three years later, during a routine exam, the doctor found three tumors in

her right lung. It was a different type of cancer from the first. After removing part of her lung, she went through another round of chemo. I prayed many times for God to heal her, but I finally reached the point that I knew I had to turn it all over to Him. My prayer this time was different. I said, "God, I have no idea how I can go on without her in my life, but I trust You to get me through whatever is in the future." My wife has now been cancer free for twelve years. Doctors admitted there was a power much greater than their medical knowledge that saved her life.

My forty-year truck driving career ended in 2011 after a major three-truck pileup which should have ended my life. I walked away from a burning gasoline tanker with injuries that took three months of healing and physical therapy. My wife and I agreed it was time to hang up the keys. I am now the safety director for the same company I was driving for when the accident occurred.

I could write a book about the blessings God has poured out on me over these past years. He is always right here with me through the good times and the bad. He never leaves me and He will never forsake me. That is a promise He has made to all who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Gaylon M., Arkansas

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“Get That Salt Off My Truck!”

By Jason Shelly

As we go through another winter season, I’m reminded of how I have a love/hate relationship with the road salt and calcium chloride that the highway departments seem to put on our roadways rather generously. I appreciate the fact that it prevents the roadways from freezing as quickly, resulting in safer winter weather travel; what I don’t like is the way the chemicals literally eat away at my equipment!



wax on your paint and some polish on your wheels, that crud washes off pretty easily.

It may seem like a bit of a stretch, but as I go through this process, I’m reminded of how dark and cruddy sin can make our hearts, and how, in the same way soap and water can clean up our trucks, the blood of Jesus can

cleanse us from our sins. “...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14 NKJV).

Some of you may share the same frustration. These chemicals seem to get after almost everything they come in contact with, causing rust, corrosion, and of course the dreaded wiring issues. Sometimes I reminisce about the use of cinders and wish we could go back to that. I’d rather have the sandblasting effects of the cinders over the corrosive powers of modern day chemicals. My dad used to carry a tin bucket full of woodstove ashes (cooled down, of course) to get him out of a bind, if need be.

In the same way winters can have an effect on our equipment, life can beat us down. But Scripture reminds us that we can always go to the Lord and His redemptive power to renew our Spirit: “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7 NKJV).

But some of the most fun I’ve had trucking was on fresh powder. Now with our new commercial travel bans in effect with the prediction of a few inches of snow, those days are over. I’m old enough to remember state troopers monitoring the on-ramp gates on I-80 in Wyoming. If you were loaded, they’d open the gates and wish you safe passage. You could steadily gear-up and keep her centered between the snowbanks until you would see Salt Lake. I’ve also heard rumors of some guys getting those keys, just in case there was no trooper there to let them on (you know who you are!).

Hopefully by the time this article goes to print, we will be experiencing more spring-like weather. It will be time to get out those buffers, put a shine back on the paint, and rewire those lights that fell victim to calcium chloride gremlins.

I do want to be quick to thank all those state workers and contractors who are out there clearing and treating the roadways. Many of them, like us, put in long hours, sacrifice home time, and have to deal with the unappreciative traveling public.

That all being said, I’m often impressed by the cleaning effectiveness of a pressure washer and good soap. At the end of a salty trip, I don’t care what time it is, what the temperature is, or if Momma says it’s time for dinner, I’m gonna wash my ride when I get home! If you have a good

To close in a humorous note, recently I observed a local company truck spreading salt on a completely dry state highway on a sunny, clear winter afternoon. I questioned the owner about this practice and his response was, “Just doing what I was told.”☹

CHAPLAINS' LOGS

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

Driver Jeff, who was saved here at the chapel nine years ago, came in today. We had a Bible study, a real good time in the Word. He loves to study the Word and had lots of questions.

- Chaplain Hank -

◆ While walking the parking lot I had more fellowship with the two drivers who came into the chapel last night. One said he was especially grateful to us for making him feel so welcomed to the chapel; he said it has changed him in a good way. *Chaplain George*

◆ A driver came in with a heavy heart. He walked away from God and was spiraling downward. He rededicated his life to Christ today. *Chaplain Chad*

◆ A couple came in and, after listening to the message, both accepted the Lord. Before they left she said, "Thank you for saving my life with God, I will be back again. I am glad I am born again!" *Chaplain Larry*

◆ The truck stop management sent a driver to the chapel to talk with me. He shared how he is struggling with life. I listened and asked questions for a while, then shared some Scriptures with him. After about an hour of chatting, he said he needed to repent and surrender his life to Jesus. He did just that! *Chaplain Jay*

◆ Bob came in asking for prayer for his anger. He was a biker with the Pagans for thirteen years before he got saved, but still has a problem with anger. Before he left, we had communion. *Chaplain Ray*

◆ Rick, from Illinois, came in. He wanted to thank TFC for being here at the truck stop and for the ministry materials we have in the drivers lounge. I prayed with Rick for safe journey before he left. *Chaplain Rich*

◆ A driver came in who is a believer and is struggling with porn. He asked for help in finding freedom from this addiction. We talked and prayed for over an hour. I gave him some resources, shared some Scriptures with him, and encouraged him to read the Bible. He left encouraged and with hope that the Lord is going to deliver him. *Chaplain Ryan*

◆ Gordon is homeless and suffering from cancer of the liver. He said he believed in Jesus but wasn't sure if he was going to heaven when he died. After I shared the Scriptures with him, he accepted the Lord. *Chaplain Tony*

◆ Driver John stopped by today. He attended a Sunday service here for the first time a couple of weeks ago and came today to thank us for ministering to him at that time. *Chaplain Len*

◆ I had two drivers in for the morning service. Both participated in the service, and agreed with the need to grow in hope as followers of Jesus. We had communion and they said that this was the first time they have had communion at a truck stop. After the service, both bared their souls about the strain in their marriages. They both feared that they may be heading down the track to divorce. We prayed together and they gave me prayer request cards. *Chaplain Dan*

◆ A driver stopped by to talk about family issues that he is having while on the road. We spent time together discussing options and counseling, ending in prayer. *Chaplain Chris*

◆ There was a guy at the truckers lounge who couldn't go home for Christmas because he lives in Wisconsin. He had no money and his credit cards were no longer working. In the gift bag I handed to him there was a ten dollar gift card for Tim Horton's (a Canadian chain of coffee shops) and he was very happy. I believe that if it were only for him, the distribution of these gift bags was worth it. *Chaplain Jacques*

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

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

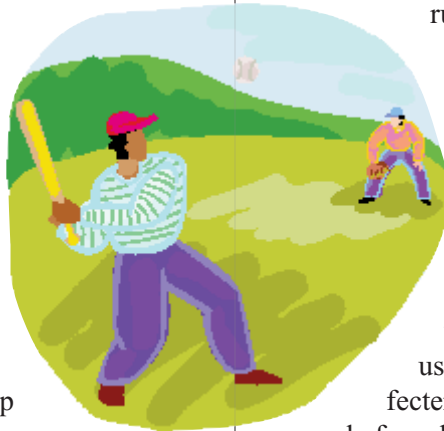
Hitting a Home Run

So many people get excited when baseball season begins anew each spring. From packed stadiums to Little League games and everything in-between, baseball fever can give us a respite from the drudgery of daily life. It gives us something to get excited about (at least most of us!).

Serious baseball fans can quote unending statistics about their favorite player or team—how many hits, runs, and errors. But the only statistic that matters in the end, and wins the game, is the number of runs.

Our lives are like that. We keep track of all the good things we do to help others (our successful “hits”), and sometimes we take time to examine our mistakes (our “errors”). But what really matters in each of our personal lives is how do we “win the game”?

God has a home run plan for each of our lives. He wants us to “win” in the end—to reach “home plate” and spend eternity with Him in heaven. And the plan to achieve this win is to admit our errors, that we have done wrong and



have sinned against God. That’s “first base.” Then we need to ask God to forgive us of our sins. That’s “second base.” And we need to accept God’s free gift of salvation that He has provided for each of us through the death of His son, Jesus Christ. That’s “third base.” Once we’ve run the bases, we are assured of reaching “home plate”—heaven—when our time here on earth is done.

Hebrews 12:1-2 states this so well: “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Are you ready to hit a home run and win the game of life? Pray the prayer below and become part of God’s team! Also let us know so we can rejoice and cheer you on as you grow in your Christian walk. ☺

Fix Your Eyes on Jesus and You Will Finish Well!

- Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- Confess Jesus 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.

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More updates on what is happening in TFC's global outreach

From Moscow: Ginnadi Now Shares His Faith!

In a previous magazine we shared that Ginnady had finally accepted the gift of God's grace and received Christ as his Savior (see February 2019 edition).

Chaplain Vladimir reports that Ginnady had an amazing first Christmas as a Christian, acknowledging how different the season was with Christ in his life. When he returned to Moscow he brought Driver Tigren (from Armenia) with him, and participated with Vladimir in sharing his faith. Tigren left the chapel that day after having confessed his sins to God and received the gift of salvation in Christ.



From Ikungi, Tanzania: Driver Adam

Chaplains Jeremiah and Peter were ministering at a truck stop and came across driver Adam. At first Adam, who was a Muslim, was unwilling to come down from his truck and didn't want to listen to what they had to say. Jeremiah said they recalled what Chaplain David had taught them about reaching out to drivers who were used to being judged and despised, and began to share about God's love and His desire for a relationship with us. Soon Adam came down from his truck and a long discussion ensued. Adam accepted Jesus as his Savior that afternoon, and keeps in touch with the chaplains as he grows in his faith.



From Chirundu, Zambia: Peggy's Story

During the later part of December, Chaplain David traveled to a truck stop simply known as "Poor Man." This stop has very little for the drivers, so he says that "women of ill repute" will come to the truck stop to lure men by setting up a blanket and bench and pretending to be a vendor, selling food from a cooler and working to seduce the driver. One such "vendor" was a woman named Peggy. David ventured over to Peggy's booth, where she had two drivers sitting on the bench. He said Peggy tried to get him to leave, but the drivers were intrigued by his words and began to ask him questions. He shared the Gospel with the drivers, focusing on

God's love and willingness to forgive the sins of those who trust in Him. While he was sharing, David was praying in his spirit for Peggy to hear the words. He said suddenly her whole mood changed and she began to listen attentively. That day Peggy and the two drivers with her all gave their lives to Jesus!

A Calendar Opens the Way for the Gospel - A Report by Chaplain David Phiri

When I approached driver Alex in his truck and offered him a copy of *Highway News*, he faced away from me and waved me off. As I was about to walk away, a voice in my spirit told me to give him a calendar. Holding one up to him, I asked, “Can I give you this 2019 calendar to stick in your truck?” That caught his attention, and he accepted the calendar along with the magazine. He then asked me, “Which church do you come from?” I explained that we were not a denominational church but a group that specifically ministers the Word of God to truck drivers. “Why truck drivers?” he asked. I explained to him the mission and vision of Transport For Christ. He then said, “You know what? I have been feeling a conviction that I need to turn my life to God but I did not know where to start or go. The funny thing is that I hate preachers and people who talk about God, and that is why at first I didn’t want to hear what you had to say. I confess that as soon as you gave me the calendar and these magazines, I felt a certain heaviness leave my body and now I feel light and free to talk to you. How can I get connected to God? I know I have



done many wrong things in my life, but I do not want to go to hell.” I shared with him the simple Gospel message of God’s love and Alex excitedly accepted Jesus. I gave him a copy of the *Road Map of Life New Testament* and also showed him that the calendar pages have different Scriptures which he could find and read in the New Testament I had given him. We will continue to be in contact with him through WhatsApp.



Like Alex, Mushota was at first reluctant to speak with me and would not accept the *Highway News* magazine, but when I offered to give him a calendar to stick in his truck’s cabin, he was suddenly interested and accepted both the calendar and the magazine. Mushota later explained to me that when I approached him he thought I was a Jehovah’s Witness, hence his initial reaction. That calendar opened the door for me to share the Gospel with him, and he accepted Jesus. He gave me his cell phone number for us to continue communicating.

Chaplain Marcelo Reports from Brazil

On March 11 we had a special worship service for the drivers here in Paranaguá. After the message, when I asked if anyone would like to accept Christ as their Savior, four truckers—José, Edson, Cleverson, and Davi—responded! The previous week, we had twenty-one decisions for Christ! God is doing a wonderful work in the lives of truckers through the mobile chapel, and we are all so grateful to TFC for its support in prayers and resources.

We are also so grateful for a special gift from a church in the United States that is enabling us to set up a web application with biblical messages, videos, and a web radio to reach truckers with the Good News of the Gospel.



Chaplain Sidnei, Cleverson, Edson, Chaplain Marcelo, José and Davi

In Imbituba, the team has started ministering online doing services on Wednesdays and Bible studies on Sundays through WhatsApp; it’s been very successful!

Can You Do This?



Dave came into the chapel and we had some small talk, then he mentioned he was glad no one else was there because he had to talk to someone. He admitted to being a very angry man, then said, “I heard there is a God, but how do I find him?” I shared Psalm 46 with him, and when he read that God was his refuge and strength, he asked, “How do I reach this God that I need so desperately?” Before leaving the chapel, he had prayed asking Jesus to forgive him, save him, and live within him.

That is just a snapshot of a day at a TFC chapel, where chaplains serve truckers, their families, and those in the trucking industry, many dealing with family problems, substance abuse issues, job stress, financial problems, and the day-to-day issues of life.

Is the Lord calling you to this mission field? Are you willing to rise to the challenge of reaching this vastly under-served mission field that is the trucking industry?

TFC is seeking chaplains with a vision and burden for ministering to this vastly under-served mission field that is the trucking industry. For a full description of the opportunities and qualifications, contact TFC at 717-426-9977 or email info@transportforchrist.org. TFC is a 501(c)(3), non-denominational ministry that has been caring for people associated with the trucking industry for more than sixty-five years.

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Honoring the memory of a faithful servant of the Lord and friend of TFC

TFC, and especially the ministry in Denver, honors the memory of Pastor Mike Gibson, who passed away this past February 5th. “Pastor Mike believed in TFC and what we stand for,” reports Denver Lead Chaplain Rich Olver. “Diana and I met him when we first traveled to Denver to meet with the volunteers and make contact with churches, which is how we met him. He went out of his way to raise awareness of the ministry, and whenever we had a chapel event, he and his church stepped in to help any way they could—food, finances, labor. He also provided messages in CD and flash drive format to hand out to drivers. His commitment to this ministry was even mentioned at his funeral.”

Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
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Last month's truck (below) was a
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If You Feel Fragile Today Remember God Is Not

We ask him to strengthen you by his glorious might with all the power you need to patiently endure everything with joy. Colossians 1:11 GW



Peace in the Midst of the Storm

They were one scared bunch of guys! Forget macho toughness. Those hardened fishermen were terrified, and no wonder. The way things looked, come morning their wives would be applying for widows' pension. But there was one with them in the boat who, in the midst of all the stormy furor, was sleeping peacefully. Finally, in their terror, they woke Him up, crying, "Do you not care that we are perishing?"

He arose and, with one command—"Peace, be still!"—He calmed wind and lake, and their fears as well. But once all was quiet, He addressed them in a mild rebuke: "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" (See Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:2-25).

I've heard many sermons explaining why Jesus rebuked His disciples; but thinking about it this time, a light came on.

There was one obvious reason why they shouldn't have doubted or feared: Jesus was there. In that boat. With them. Sinking or floating, they were safe.

There is a prophet in the Old Testament who faced a different kind of storm throughout his life. I still remember when we were studying Jeremiah and Lamentations in Sunday School a few years ago, and I was struck like never before by the sense of grief that permeates this prophet's message. He saw his nation torn apart by storms of its own making —

brought about by their disobedience, their rebellion, their idolatry, their blatant disregard for God. The nation destroyed, its leaders killed, its people taken captive, Jeremiah himself taken into exile... I wondered how, in the midst of all this, he could still say, "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new



every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:21-23).

He could say it because he knew that the storms had not taken God off the throne. He was there. With His people. Even in exile. They were suffering the consequences of their own sins, but He had not abandoned them. They could trust His faithfulness.

I pick up the paper in the morning or turn on the news in the evening and see storms everywhere. In wars and rumors of wars...in innocent people blown apart by deranged zealots...in

countries still bent on genocide...in moral standards falling to new lows every day... in the moral fiber of nations eroding from within... in a culture that seems bent on self-destruction. I wonder what Jeremiah would say were he to read this morning's headlines! Evil seems to be compounding and values eroding. Standing for something means being intolerant and the only acceptable moral value seems to be that "anything goes."

Do you, like me, sometimes feel like crying out, "Lord, wake up! This boat is sinking! Can't You see we're perishing?" Or maybe there's a personal storm in your life today, and you feel you're being buffeted from every side and just about to sink. You want this storm to be over, you want the waves and the wind to calm down, you want a respite!

May we, with the eyes of faith, see Him stand up and speak peace to the storms, and may we accept His gentle rebuke: "Why are you so fearful?" He promised, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27 KJV).

Just as He spoke peace to the raging storm on the Sea of Galilee and spoke peace to the heart of Jeremiah while the storms continued raging around him, He can speak peace to your heart and mine today — regardless of the circumstances. ☹

Grow My Heart to Shrink My Tongue

By Dr. Karl Benzio

Please. Thank you. Yes, ma'am. You're beautiful. I love you. All-powerful words that can bless, inspire, and embolden. Get away. You're fired. Shut up. I hate you. Words that can isolate, demoralize, and devastate.

Words are powerful tools. Some help relationships and connections to flourish. But as we saw in the past election cycle, both sides used words as heat-seeking missiles and weapons, deftly defending their psyche and attacking those who threaten their "me-first" kingdom. The world has come to applaud and exalt quick-witted retorts—just look at a good comedian's shtick. My own need to be in control, to be the expert, to show my competence, or to cover my vulnerability fueled my mastery of the quick, sarcastic, verbal attack. Unfortunately, my wife and girls have been innocent victims of my "skill."

I came to realize that when I used words to damage others, I was actually damaging myself as well. These wounds were important elements of who I was: my self-respect, self-esteem, honor, dignity, relationships, brain chemistry, connection to God—and they were all injured and damaged. This common, but damaging, phenomenon is evident whenever we reflexively use words as self-protective maneuvers. But reality check: they are actually self-destructive word grenades.

Another downside of using verbal attacks as a counter-offensive is that they interfere with my opportunity to learn, practice and hone much healthier methods to deal with the perceived attacks. You see, God has other ways that are more effective than my knee-jerk word grenades. But I will never get a chance to learn and develop them if I keep resorting to my poor knee-jerk defense tactics.

The Word of God gives us helpful instruction about how to develop healthy new skills. What comes out of our mouths is really a reflection of what is going on in our hearts. So in order to modify our word usage, we need to work on our hearts. God has certainly worked on my heart over the years. My swearing is gone and my verbal attacks are markedly decreased. I still have work to do. But as I let God in more, the temptation and need to protect myself by hurling word grenades is minimized. I am seeing these situations more clearly and resting in His defense of me and allowing Him to soothe me.

Today let your speech come under the control of the Holy

Spirit. Say split-second prayers before you respond. Think before you speak, not as you speak. Use your words to lift up someone, to heal instead of hurt. As your positive speech patterns replace your negative ones, the increased joy and peace in your relationships will simply amaze you. Consider forwarding this devotional to thank someone who has extended grace to you with his or her words. Whether you hold your tongue and think of a godly response or you speak quickly and defensively with a knee-jerk missile, it's your decision, so choose well.

Prayer

Dear Father God, thank You for the awesome gift of speech. I confess, Father that I have misused this gift. I confess, Father, that I have used my mouth and mind to hurt others. Forgive me. I pray that You'll fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I may have the discipline to think before I speak. I want to feel comfortable, secure in who I am and without the need to gossip or go on a verbal attack to make myself feel better. Grow my heart so I can shrink my tongue. Help me pray before answering the phone and before responding to others in conversation. Let others see You in me through the words I speak. I pray these words in the name of the living Word, Jesus Christ.

The Truth

"There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (Proverbs 12:18).

"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger" (James 1:19).

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RAMBLER

by Gary Nussbaum



Are You Truthful?

Truth. What is it? How often has someone said, “Now tell me the truth,” because he or she thinks you have been stre-e-e-tching the truth? Someone once said, “The trouble with stretching the truth is that it’s apt to snap back.” Ouch!

I was talking with a friend about times when we had been stopped by a state trooper. He told about a time he realized he was going seventy in a fifty-mile zone and saw an approaching trooper (I bet you remember those warm fuzzy feelings). He watched as the trooper caught up to him and together they pulled over to the side of the road. The trooper asked him if he knew how fast he was going. “I was doing sixty after I saw you,” replied my friend. The officer attempted to hide a grin and said, “Here’s a warning for the sixty, and please slow down.”

We self-righteously condemn lawyers, politicians, and heaven knows who else for playing loose with truth as if it were a game. They are known for the truth they never tell. But I can guarantee that we all are ensnared at one time or another in the same temptation (sadly, for many it has become their life).

Do we ever squirm when faced with having to tell the truth? That only proves that, as Christians, we still battle the pull of sin in our lives. God has saved us from the penalty of our sin through the death of Jesus Christ, and He does not see the sin that would condemn us. Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (NIV).

We are a sinful people, even those of us who are Christians. I can hear the gasp of some right now, “Who, me? Surely you don’t mean me!” And then I hear the others, “I told you those Christians are nothing but a bunch of hypocrites!” Hey, we’re all hypocrites in God’s eyes, because He sees the very heart of each of us. Paul says it quite well when he confesses in Romans 7:15, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do” (NIV).

Can we know truth? Most know truth when they see it, but to acknowledge it is another story. Psalm 33:4 tells us, “For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does” (NIV). Faithfulness is essential to truth. They go hand in hand. Am I faithful? Do my words speak truth?

Can we know truth? Sure we can. But our selfishness and pride cause us to barter with it to our benefit. Until we are willing to seriously consider God to be first in our lives and search and believe His Word, we will not desire or entertain truth.

“Mr. Lely, I desire you would use all your skill to paint my picture truly like me, and not flatter me at all; but remark all these roughnesses, pimples, warts, and everything as you see me, otherwise I will never pay a farthing for it,” said Oliver Cromwell, the great British leader, to the artist who was painting his portrait. How many of you have often felt like “touching up your portrait” (or photoshopping it, to use current terminology) a little bit, whether literally or figuratively?

Our love for Jesus grows as we acknowledge and confess our sinfulness rather than excuse it or deny it. Our love for Jesus grows when we realize His deep, everlasting love for the world. Let’s make that personal—His love for you and me! The fact remains that He knows everything about us and still He loves us and gives us every opportunity to make the commitment of following Him. Let’s follow Him in truth and be faithful men and women with Christ-like character and integrity. ☺

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The Best of GREEN ONION



Getting 'Round-to-it

Green Onion handed Fog Horn a button with a round circle and the words "to it" written inside. "I figured you needed it as a reminder," he told Fog Horn. "What do you mean, Green Onion?" asked Fog Horn. "I mean, maybe it would finally motivate you to get 'round-to-it! Or are you going to continue lounging around in your chronic disinclination to exertion?" "I don't know, Onion... I'll tell you when I get 'round-to-thinking about it." "I rest my case," said Green Onion in exasperation.

Not getting 'round-to-it is to procrastinate and to put off until tomorrow what could be done today. It's an addiction to postponement. "I'll do it later," is the song of the procrastinator.

But, as disturbing and counter-productive as procrastination can be in our daily lives, it can be outright devastating when it comes to our spiritual life. Did you "get 'round-to-it" receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? Are you born again? Do you agree that without Jesus you are a sinner without hope? "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:12-13); "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God" (I Peter 1:23).

When you admit that you are a sinner and ask God to forgive you in Jesus Christ's name, God transfers all your sin, wickedness, rebellion and willful selfishness onto Christ Who died for all who trust in Him as the only Way, Truth and Life—and that includes you. Yes, He died for you so you could be born again!

The new birth occurs when God implants the Holy Spirit in you. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). As it is written, "There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned

away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one" (Romans 3:11-12).

Man is evil without knowing Jesus Christ and being born again. The prophet Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9 KJV); and speaking through His prophet, God declared, "Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the LORD your God and have no awe of me" (Jeremiah 2:19).

Emotional experiences will not save you. Seeing an angel or having an out of body experience or a healing will not save you. Going to church, reading the Bible, doing good works will not save you. Only trusting, believing in and relying on Jesus Christ will save you; and if you are truly born again, the Holy Spirit will bear witness with your spirit that you belong to Him. The Apostle Paul said, "But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:4-5).

So get 'round-to-it, "For He (God) says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Let us pray: *Lord God Almighty, I come before You in Jesus' name, knowing I cannot be saved by reason, religion, philosophy, or even good works. I believe You sent Your Son to die on the cross in my place. I now trust and believe in Him as my only way of salvation. Please come into my heart and life by the Holy Spirit. Amen.* ☪

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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 Darrell stopped outside the chapel and asked me to pray for him. I asked him about his walk with Jesus and salvation. He wasn't sure about his salvation and wanted to be sure. He prayed today and asked Jesus to save him and become Lord of his life.
- ◆ A driver who accepted the Lord about a year ago stopped in this afternoon. His wife has been unfaithful and wants a divorce, and he is looking for guidance. We looked at the Scriptures and I encouraged him to look at other Scriptures when he gets back to his truck. I encouraged him to talk to Jesus about it. He was in a much better mood when he left. He left his phone number so we can follow up with him.
- ◆ A young lady driver stopped in. She said she is a new Christian and said things are getting very chaotic in her life and wanted prayer. I had a chance to pray with her. She left in peace.
- ◆ Driver Halaab, a Christian, came in. He is from Ethiopia and has been in the US for eight years. We read through Romans 12 and had a great time discussing it.
- ◆ Dale, a Christian driver, came into the chapel. He said he has no real prayer concerns, he wanted to uplift the chaplain who was on duty. After a time of fellowship, we had a time of prayer.
- ◆ I prayed for the drivers that drove by the chapel. One driver stopped his truck and opened his window. He is a believer and originally from India, and has a wife and one son. He was not able to speak much English, but seemed appreciative for the prayers, and small gift of cookies and snacks.

From the Logs of the Crossroad Chapel in Lodi, Ohio

- ◆ When I arrived I found a gentle man sitting at the table outside. Steve, from Montana, was reflecting on his day. As we talked, he revealed that he was not only an Owner/Operator but a Pastor as well. At the end of our conversation, I prayed with Steve for his safe travels. Steve in turn, prayed for our Lodi Chapel and that Transport for Christ would be blessed and all the Chaplains involved would continue to endure and fight the good fight for winning hearts for Christ.
- ◆ Bruce came in to pray about his day and that the Lord would bless Transport For Christ and all the chaplains. First time I had ever heard anyone sing his prayers to God. What an awesome experience.
- ◆ I just had a two-hour discussion with a Muslim fellow from California. He came from Africa. I explained who Jesus is and he told me about his religion. I was able to present the Gospel to him. I was not able to persuade him but I could see I gave him lots to think about. He is searching. Pray for him.
- ◆ A driver came in and shared with me how difficult his life has been. He said he has made a lot of wrong choices. He claimed to know the Lord and sought some encouragement and direction.
- ◆ I spent some time with two drivers out on the lot. Ken, from Vermont, thanked me for the *Highway News*; he said it was just what he needed and it made his day.
- ◆ Jon stopped in late evening saying, "I've had a terrible day" and went on to describe the frustration. It ended by getting to the truck stop having to have work done on his truck. While that was being done he looked forward to spending time with me and just being able to talk out his day.
- ◆ I got to talk to a young lady who just started driving. She was quite frustrated and I hope she can continue to stay focused on the Lord.
- ◆ Driver Stanley came in and joined us in prayer, this was his first time in a chapel. I had a long talk with Stanley about God. I gave him a Bible, daily bread and a God is God book. He left to get his truck from the garage then came back. He is being drawn to God, We talked and prayed for hours.
- ◆ Mike from Texas stopped in. Says he volunteers at the Ontario, Ca. chapel from time to time. Had a nice conversation, prayed with him before he left.
- ◆ Anthony and Brenda stopped in. They needed prayer for God to help keep them on track and give them some direction. They felt very encouraged and strong to continue on.

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From the Logs of the SeedPlanter Chapel in Elkton, Maryland

- ◆ Driver Rasheem came in. He said he is a believer but has not been living as God desires of him. We looked at many Scriptures to encourage him and answer many of his questions. I wrote the Scripture verses on a paper for him, so he can look at them again. We prayed and he was thankful.
- ◆ Justin, a new driver, came in wanting to see the chapel. Another driver and I talked with him. I shared the salvation Scriptures with him and gave him a New Testament. He wasn't ready to accept the Lord but allowed me to pray for him before he left.

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

- ◆ I talked with a driver from Russia. He asked questions about who Jesus is. He is very "ripe" to accept Christ. He came back to the chapel later and asked me for a business card.
- ◆ Driver Jarvis came into the chapel. I spent some time counseling him from the Word of God, and that Christ could help him in his need, and then asked him if he wanted to pray with me and ask Christ to come into his life. He answered in the affirmative, and I do believe that Jarvis came to new life in Christ today!
- ◆ I had a very engaging conversation with a driver. He shared with me how he got saved after being picked up for a D.U.I. While in prison, a blind evangelist led him to the Lord. I prayed with this driver and then he prayed for me.
- ◆ I met a driver who had just come into the truck stop. He told me that after lunch he was going to rest before going on his way. I sat at the counter alongside him and then I asked him if I could pray for him; he thanked me after I prayed.
- ◆ I met Scott as I was going into the restaurant, and seeing my TFC logo, he said he needed to speak with me. We went in the restaurant and sat down. He explained to me that he was full of fear as a result of getting himself and his family into serious sinful activity. He attended church regularly, it was obvious to me that his man needed the help of Jesus to come into his life and break the bondage of sin. When I asked him if he wanted to start a relationship with Christ and be born again, he answered yes. Both of us prayed together and he became born again!

From the Logs of the Fresh Start Chapel in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

- ◆ Shortly after I arrived I stood outside waiting to meet drivers to hand out the Christmas bags. Five drivers took them, and one lingered around outside talking about his family and relatives. Another driver came in and was so glad to spend time with me as he had questions about Christianity. Another driver came in wanting to offer a prayer for this ministry and for me!
- ◆ I handed out Christmas bags in the lot, at the fuel station and in the truck stop. One driver came into the chapel later to say thanks for the goodie bag!
- ◆ A driver came in for prayer for his daughter who left home this month and has not returned or called. He is a regular visitor with a strong heart for God. He said he feels comforted here and sees the TFC chapel as a place of refuge.
- ◆ A driver from New Jersey came in for prayer. He was born into an Italian Catholic family, converted to the Muslim faith, and was later saved by grace. Now he is seeking the wisdom of God's Word. We studied and prayed together.
- ◆ Driver Kellie came in asking for prayer. We read God's Word and she shared her testimony of overcoming addictions five years ago. We prayed together and she left thanking God for the leadership in the chapel tonight.
- ◆ I met a new employee who was a Native American. He is excited about working here. I encouraged him to keep a good spirit about work.
- ◆ A driver came in to pray for me and the chapel. Then a driver came in and stayed a while. He shared good news and answered prayers from some of his previous visits.
- ◆ A driver came in to thank all our TFC chaplains for their faithful prayer support. He is a regular visitor and appreciates our fellowship and encouragement.
- ◆ A seasoned driver came in. He stops here often. He said his is blessed every time he finds our chapel open.

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

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

From the Logs of the Prayer Haven Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee

- ◆ Justin, a strong Christian, came in for the service today. He said he needed the fellowship and encouragement of God's Word to help him through the week.
- ◆ While walking the lot I had a long discussion with a strong atheist and a strong Muslim. I had dialog with them, and shared the Gospel. For the service, I had two drivers, one from Ethiopia and one from the Congo. Both are strong Christians and we had a great time in the Word.
- ◆ I had two Christian drivers in the service today. Neither of them had been in a chapel like this in 20 years of driving, although they had driven by them. We had a great time of studying the Word, fellowship, and prayer.
- ◆ Two drivers from Costa Rica came in for the service. They were great Christians and shared their testimonies of salvation. We studied the Scriptures, encouraged each other, and ended our time in prayer.

From the Logs of the Rest Haven Chapel in Toledo, Ohio

- ◆ Driver Tim came in. He wanted to thank Chaplain Dave for praying for him to quit smoking. He said he hasn't smoked in about a year and is testifying to all about what God had done for him.
- ◆ As I was walking the lot, I came to Demetries. I asked him if he were to die, would he go to Heaven. He said probably, because he follows the rules. I presented the Gospel to him and he prayed with me to surrender his life to Christ.
- ◆ Driver Emanuel came in for prayer and some encouragement. He stayed for a little over an hour and we talked. We prayed before he left.
- ◆ a couple came in while their truck was being worked on. They said they had never seen a chapel and were impressed. I gave them a *Highway News* and showed them the locations. We had prayer before they left.
- ◆ Troy, a driver for 14 years, came into the chapel with many problems. We spent over an hour talking, and I shared many scriptures with him. He wasn't sure if he would go to heaven when he died, he said he wasn't good enough. I shared the free gift of salvation with him and he surrendered his life to Jesus!

From the Logs of the Lighthouse Chapel in Racine, Wisconsin

- ◆ I met a driver who said that he believed in Jesus Christ. When I asked if he had committed his life to Jesus as a true believer, he said that he hoped so. After this not so enthusiastic response, I shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him and explained what total commitment to Christ was and what being born again meant. I gave him a tract asking "Do you know for sure" and prayed with him that God would truly let him know and that God would draw him to eternal salvation.
- ◆ Brian came in asking for assistance with gas. We talked about his needs and spiritual areas of his life. He realized after I shared with him, his need for Christ in his life. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. I gave him several materials to take with him and was able to help him with the need he came in for.
- ◆ I met a guy by the fuel island, he was trying to get a ride to California. We came back to the chapel so he could warm up, as it is only 10 degrees outside. He is from Puerto Rico, and has been here for about days. He is a believer and carries a Bible in his backpack. He has 2 more Bibles on his phone. We prayed that he would be able to find a ride with God's help, and that God would be glorified in the situation.

From the Logs of the Bread of Life Chapel in Knoxville, Tennessee

- ◆ A female driver came in for the evening service. She and her husband were team drivers. He passed away in November and she is having a hard time with it. She is a Christian. She had to come back on the road to pay bills. I shared some Psalms with her and reminded her that He holds us in His right hand.
- ◆ I gave a lady driver a gift and later she came back with a gift for Gloria and left us a thank you card for the gift we gave her.
- ◆ Mark passed out the remainder of the gifts today. He said that two drivers told him that was the only gift they would receive for Christmas.



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Do You Know Your ABCs?

If you were to die today,
where would you spend eternity?
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ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER. "... as it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God'" (Romans 3:10, 23).

BELIEVE 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).

CONFESS 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).

FIND NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

To give your life to Christ, read the "ABC" Scriptures above and pray the prayer below. Let us know about your decision. We will send you a Bible study designed for truckers.

Come to Jesus Christ today and trust in Him alone for your salvation. 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."*

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