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A Word from Our President

Are You In It for the Long Haul?

So who do you trust today? What do you trust today? Do you trust your sight? Or do you trust what God knows? Faith isn't shortsighted. You can live longer, better, and see farther when you put your faith in the God who made you.

What battle is making you weary right now?

If you work in an environment where everything is affirmed except faith in Christ, you may find that, over time, the ongoing erosion of an increasingly hostile culture begins to wear you down.

If you are going through a stale time in your marriage or facing difficulties with a rebellious son or daughter, you may find that, over time, your energy drains and it is harder to keep going.

Maybe you have been battling against a particular sin and, for a while, you made progress. But then the old temptation reared its ugly head and, having fallen again, it's hard to find the energy to get up and press on. You feel that you are running out of steam. You say to yourself, "I don't know how much longer I can do this." So how do you stay the course when you are tired of the battle?

The big question is, "How? How can I 'never tire'? How can I go the distance as a Christian? How can I have patience with my children and perseverance in my job?"

There's a marvelous nugget at the beginning of 2 Thessalonians that helped me when I saw it and has continued to help me, especially when I get tired of the battle. Paul says,

Your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance... (2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 NIV)

Perseverance is the fruit of growing in faith and increasing in love. Deepening your faith and renewing your love will enable you to stay the course even when you are tired of the battle.

I've found that the times when I get discouraged usually turn out to be times when I have lost sight of what the Lord is doing or lost confidence in what He is able to do in my own life and in the lives of the people I serve. Seeing that connection is really helpful because it points to the answer: Renewed confidence in God and in all that He is able to do in you and through you will help you to persevere even when you are tired of the battle.

Seeing the connection between faith, love, and perseverance has helped me at the low points in my life and ministry, and it will do the same for you. Renew your confidence in God, refresh your love for others, and you will find that God strengthens you to stay the course even when you are tired of the battle.

How have you experienced God strengthening you to persevere? We would love to hear your story. Please check out the "My Story" section of this magazine and send us your story.

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Cover: This beautiful 2013 Peterbilt, with a 6-NZ CAT engine and an 18-speed transmission, was custom built inside and out. It was also custom-painted by Denver Truck Painting, the same company that has painted many of this ministry's chapels. *Above:* The owner of the truck, Durrell Martin, at the Pennsylvania Truck Rally this past June.

What is the International Christian Trucking Association?



TFC Global has become increasingly aware that our brothers and sisters in Christ who are commercial drivers and those who are part of the trucking industry have a strong desire to be able to build biblical community among their peers.

Although TFC Global has done a fairly good job at providing scriptural engagement, we have done a poor job at providing biblical community for the trucking industry. In light of that fact, we have taken a page out of our past and created the

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATION (ICTA). This group has been created to provide a way for the trucking industry and their families to know Christ and grow in their Christian life through discipleship opportunities, educational resources and seminars, and a National Convention. To allow for community among the trucking industry, we will provide fellowship and Bible study meetings through our regional chapters and monthly ICTA prayer breakfasts, which will be held at various locations around the country. It will also allow us to connect members to churches in various regions to provide additional community.

We will also hold job fairs at locations across the country. Our desire is to connect commercial drivers, retired professional drivers, trucking company owners and other trucking related individuals in supporting and encouraging one another. Come join us! To become a member of this organization and to review the benefits of joining ICTA, you can go to our website (now under construction) or call us at 717-426-9977. Your membership fees go to supporting the work we do in the trucking industry and will help fund the **TruckersLife Foundation** that provides resources for commercial drivers and their families in an emergency.

Exciting News! TCCM and TFC Global Merger

You have seen in the previous special addition of *Highway News* that has God been working in giving TFC Global a renewed vision and direction for ministry. Along with that, He is bringing a number of new ministry partners who will either be coming alongside us or merging with us as we work together to build God's Kingdom. We are happy to announce that one of the organizations that will be merging with us is Truckers Christian Chapel Ministries (TCCM). As TFC Global President Ron Fraser and TCCM Executive Director Rich Desmond have been discussing and praying over this exciting opportunity over the past six months, the possibility of merging the two ministries became a growing vision they shared. After many conversations and much prayer, both Rich Desmond and Glenn Cope, founder of TCCM, have decided to move forward with the merger. We see much alignment in our doctrinal beliefs and ministry goals. We all believe the Lord has led us to this opportunity at just the right time as an exciting way to continue this important ministry of reaching Commercial Drivers and the trucking industry for Jesus Christ for many years to come. We see both ministries being strengthened by this merger in so many different ways.



We are also excited to have the TCCM chaplains as part of our team, as well as Rich Desmond and his wife, Linda, who have joined the TFC Global family; Rich is the new Southeastern District Manager. Rich has also been working with the development team at TFC Global as we transition the existing TCCM locations across the country into the TFC Global network.

A Belgian Trucker's Journey of Miracles - Part 2

Hans' American Adventure

The email arrived in Doris High's Inbox on October 18 of last year. "Hello Doris, my name is Kaat and I am the oldest daughter of Hans from Belgium. Next January it's my dad's 50th birthday, and we want to do something special for him... I think it would be really nice for him to meet you in person and see the 'Truckers for Christ' place." Doris promptly said they would love to host Hans and Anneke, and arrangements were made. On his birthday in January, Hans was given a small reproduction of a mobile chapel and told the real present was inside. When he finally managed to extricate what looked like a piece of paper and saw he was holding tickets for him and Anneke to travel to Lancaster County, he was so stunned, he cried. Anneke said it was difficult to keep the trip a secret until his birthday!



"Our plan was to give them five days they would remember forever," Doris said. They arrived on March 27 and were met by Cerwin and Doris at JFK airport. Doris took the photo above when Hans and Anneke first spotted them. Can you see the joy in their faces?

In the following days, the Highs made sure their desire to see as much of the ministry as possible was fulfilled. They visited the chapel in Harrisburg (below) and met Chaplains Chris and Joe (left, top). They also visited the ministry at the Frystown Flying J, and of course the International Office (middle left) and were able to attend the Lancaster County Dinner Concert (bottom left, as they were introduced at the dinner). They also saw a lot of Amish Country and attended a showing of *Jesus at Sight and Sound Theater*.



See many more photos and read more stories of Hans' and Anneke's experiences in Lancaster County in the online edition of Highway News.

A Scrapbook of Hans' & Anneke's Adventures in Lancaster County



(Top left) Dinner at the Highs (which Anneke prepared); the editor was invited! (Top right) At Sight & Sound Theater for the performance of their Jesus production; (Middle & bottom right) Visiting Amish country; (Bottom left) Enjoying a Lancaster County buffett.



***(Top left) Visiting Lanita Specialized LLC trucking company, where Scott Diller gave them a tour;
(Top right) Signing the log at the Harrisburg center;
(Middle) Prayer time at the Frystown center;
(Top left) Anneke trying out an Amish bonnett;
(Right) Farewell at JFK airport.***

NEWS FROM ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

Meet Michael DeBay from Ontario, California! He has been at this location for over ten years. Services have grown from one per week to many per week plus a radio station broadcasting from the FaithLife Center.

Michael is involved in many avenues of ministry—through food donations from truckers to local homeless shelters and food banks, to an active social media presence. One story he fondly recalls was of two truck stop workers who came in for encouragement. Michael soon realized they couldn't read a Bible because they didn't have any reading glasses. He met that need through a local dollar store purchase and soon God's convicting Word had changed their lives. They couldn't get enough of Jesus!



Please pray for continued financial support for the Ontario FaithLife Center as well as the physical and spiritual strength to do ministry. The logs below are just a glimpse of how the Lord is using the witness of Chaplain Michael and his team:

- ◆ A lady driver came in. This was her first time in a chapel. She has been driving less than a year. We chatted and prayed together. I gave her a *Highway News* magazine and showed her our locations. She drives through all the states, so she loved that.
- ◆ A driver came in during a service and gave his heart to the Lord at the end.
- ◆ After the service a driver gave his heart to Jesus.
- ◆ Eva and her husband, Andrew, came in and, after listening to the message, accepted the Lord. She said, "Thank you for saving my life with God, I will be back again. I am glad I am born again."
- ◆ Leon came in and accepted the Lord today. He is a fifty-two-year old trucker from Pennsylvania.
- ◆ A driver from Ethiopia came in. He is a Christian and he shared with me how he was saved.
- ◆ A couple came in for prayer, and gave a testimony of their love for God. It was a great blessing to hear them in love with Jesus. A young man came in after they left. He is a new driver and loves the Lord, but he misses his church and their ministry. I told him to ask God what He has for him as he is driving truck. I prayed with him before he left.
- ◆ Daniel came in today and gave his life to Christ.
- ◆ A driver came in for prayer for a friend. After we talked for a while, I asked him if he knew the Lord as Savior, and would he go to heaven when he died? He told me that he did not know if he would go to heaven, but would like to know. I shared with him the Romans Road and he accepted Jesus as Savior.
- ◆ A driver came in beaten down by the devil. He told me of the problems he is having. He has given his heart to Christ, but is struggling with drugs. After listening, I talked to him and he rededicated his life to Christ today. I gave him a Bible and he was very thankful.
- ◆ As I was riding the lot, I invited Ryan and his twelve-year-old daughter to the service. Both came and gave their hearts to the Lord!
- ◆ Gerry came by to check out the chapel. He found Jesus and gave his heart to Him today!
- ◆ Luke, from Romania, came in and said he needed to confess, thinking I was a priest. I shared with him about the High Priest, Jesus, and told him that is Who he needed to meet. He did that today!
- ◆ I met Geraldo outside the chapel as he was walking by. I asked him if he knew Jesus. He said yes, but really didn't know Him as Lord and Savior. I told him he can really KNOW Him and receive eternal life. I went through the Bible to show him how Jesus paid for our sins. He accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Do You Have What It Takes?

Is God nudging you to be part of an innovative chaplaincy program that is building bridges to the nation's commercial driving workforce by integrating spiritual, emotional, and physical care?

Then come join the only chaplaincy-based program in the country specifically designed for the trucking industry by an organization that has over sixty-four years of ministry experience in the trucking industry. Who better to know the unique needs and struggles of our commercial drivers, their families, and those who work in the trucking-related industry than an organization that was founded for the purpose of serving this specific industry?

TFC Global Corporate Chaplains Network is seeking chaplains with a strong desire and calling to take Christ to commercial drivers, their families, and the trucking community by serving them at their point of need.



QUALIFICATIONS

- ◆ Minimum of two years of full-time, actual workplace experience. A business degree can reduce this requirement.
- ◆ Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies from an accredited college or university. Willingness to get a degree within a specified period of time would also be given consideration.
- ◆ Willingness to go through an extensive interview process, including:
 1. Background check
 2. Personality assessment testing
 3. Multiple telephone and face-to-face interviews
 4. Demonstration of spiritual call and commitment to long-term caregiving and discipleship ministry
 5. Willingness to sign as agreeing with TFC Global's Statement of Faith and Mission Statement

If you believe that God may be calling you to a chaplaincy ministry and you believe you have what it takes to minister to the unique needs of this type of industry, then give our Office of Chaplains a call at 717-426-9977. We would love to speak with you concerning this great ministry opportunity. Don't wait! Our Chaplains Training School (CTS) is only held in the Spring (March) and Fall (September) of each year.

CURRENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Our Columbia (South Carolina), Oklahoma City (Oklahoma), and Shrewsbury (Massachusetts) FaithLife Centers are in urgent need of committed leadership. Pray that God will raise up staff chaplains for these locations who are passionate about reaching the trucking industry in these areas.

I guess we could say the weather could not have been any better for the 38th Annual Transport For Christ Truck Rally at the Lebanon Expo Center on June 22nd, with temperatures in the 70s and bright sunshine,” says Donald Hollinger. “It may have been the reason we had the largest number of trucks participating in the parade – a total of 221. The record was 279, back in 2002, probably because a trophy was given for the largest fleet attending; some companies brought their whole fleet that year.”

“Our truck parkers and the fire police did an amazing job of getting the trucks on the road for the eleven-mile route through country roads and back,” Doris High reported. “The Fairgrounds was emptied in forty-

38th Annual Pennsylvania Truck Rally

— Reports by Doris High and Donald Hollinger



From late models (left) to antiques (opposite page, bottom) and just about everything in-between, the truck rally has something for every trucker's fancy.

five minutes, and ten minutes after the last truck left, they began re-entering the lot.”

There were afternoon activities for the whole family, followed by a barbecue dinner where the team served about 800 people. The evening was capped with a ministry report by TFC Global president Ron Fraser and a great concert with The Kingsmen.



Special thanks to all who attended, participated in the parade, and volunteered—including the fire police of South Lebanon Township, Lebanon County, Schaefferstown, and Cornwall, making this rally one of the best! Mark your calendar for next year’s rally on June 27, when the special guests will be The Bontrager Family Singers from Kalona, Iowa.



More from the Truck Rally





Legacy of Faith Update

MATCHING GRANT MET! TFC Global is thrilled to announce that our God-directed financial partners have given over and above their regular investment to meet this matching grant. We are filled with gratitude for how God is moving in this ministry and also how He is moving in the hearts of our community. Ten thousand dollars will go toward paying off the mortgage for our International Office. We are that much closer to seeing this debt paid off.

We continue to ask for your gifts toward the goal of being completely debt free. As God directs, you can give online at www.tfcglobal.org/donate or send your gifts to our office at TFC Global, PO Box 117, Marietta, PA 17547. Checks are payable to TFC Global. We look forward to sharing updates of our journey with you.



Shortly after high school, I decided to enlist in the Air Force. I spent a year in Vietnam; when I returned to the U.S., I was assigned to Kelly AFB in San Antonio. I met a young girl and we were engaged. It didn't last long because I thought I wasn't ready for marriage. So I broke the engagement and we parted ways.

Allow me to paint a picture of my life starting with my early 20s. I was born and raised in mid-Missouri, in a small German Catholic community. I had four brothers and one sister. All are married and have children. My sister and I were the only two who left the Catholic faith. Her husband is a pastor in a local church in the area.

I started my airline career in St. Louis with Allegheny Airlines in 1972. In 1974, I had to transfer to Indianapolis in order to keep my job because of layoffs. So there is where I met the lady I was to marry. After about a month or so, I decided to invite myself to the church where she was a member. That very first Sunday I was convicted. I knew that I was missing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

About two months later, I met with the pastor and made the decision to allow Jesus into my life. After about a year we were married, and both of us started our walk with the Lord. Since then, we have had two children, one girl and one boy. Currently, they have two children each. In 1989, we moved to Charlotte and worked there until I retired in 2005.

That is when I started my second career as a truck driver. It has been a good one. I get to travel all over the U.S. and Canada. I'm seventy-one years old and still working. I love my job, and I have met a lot of Christian drivers out there. I have noticed a lot of trucks with amber lights on the grille in the shape of a cross; I like that. I also noticed a lot of Scripture verses on the back of trailers. If I get a chance to pass them, I give them a thumbs up.

I have noticed in the past couple of years that almost every trailer will have some kind of sign or placard saying, "We're hiring." I know for a fact that there is a high turnover of drivers in this industry. As for me, I have been driving for the same company for more than thirteen years, and I love what I do.

I have seen the world change so much in my lifetime, especially from about the mid-60s and on. In my opinion, the music had a big part in this change. Taking prayer and the pledge of allegiance out of school was another. It also seems lately that we are headed in the wrong direction quickly. I think the term "political correctness" has a lot to do with the way our society is headed. Having said all that, I think it's important that we are sure about our eternal destiny. We are not promised tomorrow, so now is the acceptable time to make that decision to accept Jesus as your personal Savior. Tomorrow may be too late. I can guarantee you that it will be the BEST decision you will ever make. I made that decision on August 20, 1974.

*Rich
Charlotte, North Carolina*

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Overseas Ministries Report: God at Work in Brazil

Technology multiplies ministry outreach in Brazil

This photo shows the recording and broadcasting equipment that was purchased for the ministry in Paranaguá with a donation from a church in Michigan. The Imbituba chapel was already streaming their services to six different cities using WhatsApp, but they were maxing out this option so they started looking at how this could be expanded. Their research led to creating this recording station in Paranaguá and continuing to record in Imbituba. This has allowed them not only to broadcast the services live but also record them and make them available for future listening online. Together the two chapels are building a library on their website that includes not just their services but also other teaching, music, discussions, and Bible studies. They are working to



have eight hours of live broadcast and discussions every day on their WebRadio station as well as sixteen hours of recorded programming. They have also created an app for android phones (more than 95% of Brazilians use Android) where the live broadcasts can be accessed. During the first week of the app, they had 150 downloads. They are working toward getting the word of the app out, both by word-of-mouth and a flyer that is being widely distributed among the trucking community. If you speak Portuguese and would like to be able to access the WebRadio or the app, please contact the TFC Global office and we will work at connecting you.

Trucker friends accept Christ the same week—“Two truckers, Nilson and Walter, accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior this week,” Chaplain Marcelo wrote. “They are friends and always travel together. They knew about



our ministry, and whenever they came into Paranaguá they would spend time here in the chapel to talk. Chaplain Sidney (near left, in light blue shirt) had had a long conversation with Walter (dark shirt), and when he asked Walter if he would like to be reconciled with Christ, his response was, ‘Yes, I need to take action, I need to be connected to Jesus,’ and he prayed to receive Him as his Savior. Nilson (far left, in white shirt,

with Chaplain Marcelo) is from a Christian family. His mother attended church, but he never expressed interest in becoming a Christian. Every time they stopped here, we would explain to them the importance of having Jesus in our lives. Yesterday Nilson arrived at the chapel burdened with some personal problems; after we talked, I prayed for him and then asked if he wanted to accept Jesus Christ, he responded, in tears, ‘Yes, surely!’”

Bibles distributed, two come to Christ—“On the right is a photo of a service in Imbituba. The second edition of the truckers' Bible was released during that day and we delivered several copies and prayed for the truckers. That evening we had a blessed service where two people accepted Jesus Christ.”



When You Are Disappointed in Your Life

By Fred Jacobi, MA

"This is not the way that it's supposed to be. My life was not supposed to go like this. I should be in a different place. I should be with different people. I should have been born in a different era, to a different family, in a different country, with different physical traits or mental capacities. I should have been richer, taller, or skinnier. I should have a better job, a better spouse, better kids, or better parents. I should be happier, but I'm stuck in my life and unable to escape the hole. It is what it is."

Do any of these thoughts sound familiar? If so, you may be disappointed in your life. It's not that there is only one thing that stinks; perhaps many things just aren't what you expected or desired. It's also not that there is anyone else specifically to blame for the disappointment as if someone did something that ruined our lives (though perhaps there are some runners up). Perhaps it is more a series of events that have unfolded which seem to have brought you to this "Life of Blah." If you're dealing with general disappointment in how your life has turned out, here are a few things to consider:

1. Life can certainly be difficult when you are in difficult circumstances and have difficult people in your life. Maybe you feel like you can't make them happy. Maybe they cause suffering in your life and you don't experience the happiness you would like because of them. Remember this, if you live to please other people, or even to please yourself, you will frequently be disappointed. Why? Because they will never be pleased 100% of the time. And if we look inside ourselves, we also see that our hearts are also never satisfied. We always want more (read Paul Tripp's book *The Quest for More* on this topic). And as we always want more and are never truly satisfied with what we have in this world, we will always be disappointed.

2. Although there may not be any person that has caused such disappointment in your life, there is one constant in all of your circumstances and relationships. To put it bluntly, that constant is you. *What you believe will affect how you perceive your life.* How you perceive events in your life will affect how you react or respond to situations. *Disappointment stems from your beliefs.* If you believe you should receive a life without suffering, any struggles will be perceived as unfair, unjust, and unwelcome. You will be disappointed because you did not receive what you thought you should.

3. You have many options on what to do with this life. When some people consider that their life simply stinks or is horrible, they only see two options: 1) Live a horrible life without happiness; or 2) commit suicide.* But these are not the only options. Life can get better, but it is a series of many decisions over time that you must choose. One such choice is to live a better life. Life is not something that happens to you, it is a gift given by God. So choose to live it. Make living an active verb, not a passive one. You can overcome because Christ has overcome for you (John 16:33, I John 4:4).

My mother-in-law has many mottos to live by. One such motto is this: *"You get what you get and you don't get upset."* And if you don't get what you want, she'd say, *"Too bad, so sad."* This little bit of tough love demonstrates what we need to hear from time to time. We don't get to choose what happens to us in life, but we do get to choose how we respond. Disappointment is a typical human emotion brought on by certain desires or expectations that don't come to fruition, but how we respond will either reflect our faith and trust in God's will/plan for our lives or whether we are constantly grieving that our will was not done. I am reminded of the lyrics of Horatio Spafford's hymn, "It Is Well with My Soul." After losing his daughters in a sinking boat in the Atlantic Ocean, he penned these words: *"When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul.'"* Horatio's peace and joy did not come with the right circumstances or the right people in his life, it came because he had the right trust in the One who is in control and who makes good from the bad. This is how we deal with the disappointments in life.

**If this is what you are thinking, please seek help immediately.*

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by Gary Nussbaum

Are You a Slave to Plastic?

Driver, do you ever have problems handling those little pieces of plastic you hold in your wallet? Someone once said, “A purse is double empty when it is full of borrowed money.” Today’s version would read, “Living on credit is a life out of control.” Centuries ago the writer of Proverbs wrote, “Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender” (Proverbs 22:7 NLT). Herein lies wisdom so often ignored.

It’s not until we are hit between the eyes and almost down for the count that we ask ourselves, “Where did this all begin?” Just recently I discovered that the credit card, that little piece of plastic that was to make life easier, was introduced around the time I was graduating from high school. That would be in the mid-1960s. What was highly touted to make life easier and more manageable has in essence enslaved many of us. It was great for emergency situations, but many people began to use it for daily expenses—which would be okay if they paid it in full every month. Problem is, soon we began purchasing items we always dreamed of having but for which we never had the money. But worse, it fueled the inability to control the monster of impulse buying. With the card I could have it now and not worry about how I’m going to pay for it until later.

The credit card simply made it easier for people to reveal their uncontrolled materialistic spirit—better known as greed. Greed causes us to become insensitive to matters of life. It is something we all have to deal with every so often, whether we want to admit it or not.

Consider what the Bible says in Luke 12:13-21: “Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ Jesus replied, ‘Man, who appointed me judge or an arbiter between you?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ And he told them this parable; ‘The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops. . . This is what I’ll

do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink, and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God.”

When we live for the things of this world, we focus our entire lives on “me.” Every decision is based on how it will benefit “me.” It is a spiritual issue which affects all aspects of life. We want to make sure we have enough for the future and in the process fail to bless those around us. For many, saving has slipped into hoarding. We all can have the spirit of Rockefeller when he was asked how much is enough—“just a little bit more.”

Driver, mishandling of our credit cards and money in general affects several areas of life. First, it makes us dependent on someone or something (friends, family, or government). Secondly, it creates strife in the family. And lastly, it keeps us from giving to God and others.

Remember, any kind of debt makes you a slave to the lender. Do you want to be set free from being a slave to your credit cards? Then consider what must be done to change your situation and encourage others to do the same. To become more disciplined and honor God first is a step in the right direction. To honor God is to first invite His Son Jesus Christ to be your Savior and to make Him Lord of your life; then trust Him to help you handle your finances in a way that will honor Him. ☺

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By Chaplain Emeritus David Roberts



G The Best of GREEN ONION

Don't Forget the Basics

Green Onion, Hog Caller, and Ladies Man went to Amos's farm early one Saturday morning to go horseback riding. Amos told the city slicker truck drivers that his three best horses, Faith, Hope, and Love, were trained in Christian language. "Now, remember," said Amos emphatically, "to get these horses to go you must say, 'Praise the Lord'; to speed up, you say, 'Hallelujah'; and to stop, you must say, 'Amen.' Don't forget these basics, and y'all have a good ride."

It wasn't long into the ride when Ladies Man shouted "Hallelujah! Let's see what these fillies can do." The three set off at top racing speed, when suddenly Hog Caller noticed they were headed straight for a cliff and he started yelling frantically, "Stop, horsy, stop!" But Ladies Man, remembering the instructions, yelled, "Amen!" and Faith, Hope and Love came to a screeching halt at the edge of the cliff. Joyfully relieved, Green Onion shouted, "Praise the Lord!"

When all else fails, read the instructions and don't forget the basics. Once, when the Green Bay Packers were having a losing season, their famous coach Vince Lombardy gathered them and, holding up a football, said, "Gentlemen! This is a football." Jesus Christ, our captain and coach, holds up the Bible to us and says, "Children, this is My eternal Word. Get back to the basics and obey these holy laws for life, liberty and the true pursuit of happiness—the joy of the Lord which is your strength."

The basics tell us to repent and lay aside any sin that besets us. God's Word will have no effect unless we put out of our life all evil and wickedness so we can grow up and be healthy, responsible citizens of this world and the next. When we delight in God's Word, we grow. Have you experienced and tasted how good and gracious our Lord is as you read about Him? Abraham Lincoln said, "But for this book [the Bible], we could not know right from wrong."

It's through the Bible that God speaks and reveals His will for our life. His Word is our daily bread, our joy, a light for our path. The Bible is a refreshing brook that cleanses us and keeps us from sin. It's a solid rock for a rocky life, it's comfort for the grieving, it's mercy for the sinners, it's an anchor in the storms of life.

George Washington said, "It's impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." So why not turn off the TV and get to know Jesus and the family better? The TV has desensitized us of moral values so we have no compass when we are lost. Our youth have no hope, no mooring to land their ship. Without a vision, purpose and reason to live, people perish.

Thomas Jefferson said, "All we need for education is to know the Bible and to have a good hymn book." The Bible is for us to hear, read and study. God's dynamic divine mirror, the Bible, calls us back to the basics. Don't settle for less. The Word gives us hope for the future and power in the present, through the living Word, Jesus Christ.

How close we are of going over the cliff! You can see how far we have fallen when you think that the Bible, which was the quoted book by our founders, is now the most censored book in America. Jesus said, "And if anyone takes words away from this book (His Word, the Bible) of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book" (Revelation 22:19). On judgment day you'll wish you had been biblically correct and had known and obeyed God's basics from the Bible.

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MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

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

- ◆ A Russian immigrant truck driver came in today. It was hard to talk with him, but I shared the Gospel and prayed with him. I pray I planted a seed today and that God will soften his heart for the things of God.
- ◆ A driver came in and we had a wonderful time of study in the Scriptures; Christian fellowship is delightful!
- ◆ A lady driver came in and we chatted. She went “full circle” with the Lord, saying she went to church and partied on the weekends. Today she said she wanted to be with Jesus and gave her heart to the Lord.
- ◆ Sean came in today with a humble spirit. He admitted that he wasn't committed to Jesus and he didn't think he was heaven-bound. After a Bible study on salvation, he gave his heart to the Lord Jesus.
- ◆ Bill came in tonight rather distraught. We immediately got into the Word. We read from John 3 and Romans 10. I emphasized the lordship of Jesus and being faithful to His Word. Bill prayed and asked Jesus into his heart.
- ◆ A driver came in tonight and told us he belonged to a family church. I asked him if he would go to heaven when he died; he could not answer the question. Today, he asked Jesus into his heart.
- ◆ A lady driver came in and rededicated her life to Christ. She has had a hard life and needed to start anew. I prayed for her and her family.
- ◆ Leon, a 52-year-old trucker from Pennsylvania, came in and accepted the Lord today.
- ◆ Daniel came in today and gave his life to Christ.
- ◆ Stephen, from Tennessee, was in tonight and what a joy it was to hear how God brought him and his wife through the loss of a son in the military. He shared and we cried together. How great our God is in the time of trauma.
- ◆ Just one trucker in this morning. He is a local driver that stops on a regular basis. He stated that the chapel has been a real blessing for him and he looks forward to coming in.
- ◆ I had two drivers in for the service; one told me this is the first time in church in 17 years. I asked him why he had come in; he told me when he saw the chapel, he promised God he would come in.
- ◆ Manuel came in looking for fellowship and the love of Jesus. He said he has no mom or dad. I prayed for him. He said he is a believer.
- ◆ A local guy who works for UPS came in distraught, saying he was at the end of his rope! I tried to encourage him that God is good and has a plan for us, even in the midst of struggles. I prayed for him and his situation.
- ◆ A driver came in to thank the chaplain who was on duty a couple days ago.
- ◆ A driver came in wanting to talk and pray about his adult son's alcohol use. We talked for over an hour and then prayed for his son.
- ◆ Two drivers came in for the service because they heard the announcements. We all talked about our past and God's grace reviving us. Driver Mike gave his testimony on leaving atheism. Mike is a young Christian, and Driver Dean is an elder Christian with 44 years of driving. He was able to help Mike.
- ◆ A driver came with questions about forgiveness. I answered his questions in the context of a Gospel presentation. He admitted that he'd never had it explained before and said he had lots to think about.
- ◆ A driver came in and expressed appreciation for TFC being there for drivers. We had a one-on-one Bible study.
- ◆ A driver from Kentucky visited with us for Christian fellowship. We spent two hours sharing testimonies and praying for one another. He told us he was blessed to be here.
- ◆ Bruce came in and wanted to know how to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. I explained the Gospel of grace by which we are saved. I asked him if he believed this and if he wanted to make a profession of faith. He responded, “Yes.” After his profession, we prayed together.
- ◆ A female driver came in to fellowship. She said she was walking by the chapel and decided to come in. She said she was glad she came in. We fellowshiped for a while, we prayed, she took a *Daily Bread* devotional and Bible, and went on her way.
- ◆ I went to the truck stop and gave out candy canes and calendars to employees, drivers, and the ones in the store and restaurant. Everyone seemed to really enjoy getting them.

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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).

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