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A Word from Our President

At times, we all find ourselves wandering off the path of integrity. We know this because we feel stuck, or have a hard time hearing our inner voice. We may obsess about outward things like the shape of our bodies or the items we possess. We may laugh when we mean to cry, say yes when we mean no, refuse to look at our mistakes, or give "love" with lots of strings attached. So how do we step back on track? How do we become empowered, joyful, and clear of purpose?

The Bible has the answer to these questions. Philippians 4:8 says: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think on these things." To "think" here means to meditate, to focus, to be intentional about doing these things.

You've probably heard it said—***Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.*** The point is a good one—the same values you espouse when people are watching should be what you live out when they're not. In short, be consistent.

But there's a flaw in this perspective—let's call it the integrity myth. We know we are often inconsistent with our values, both when we're with others and especially when we're not. The most common definition of integrity doesn't account for this. It merely says we should—we must—do the right thing even when no one is watching.

But what about the times when we don't do that? What about when we do not live up to our high values? What about when we are not consistent? What do we all do when we are ***inconsistent?***

That's exactly where real integrity comes in.

Real integrity is not simply doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Real integrity is admitting you did the wrong thing, even when no one was watching.

Pastor's Corner - by Shawn Weaver



"You really want to do this." "Wait a minute. I want to do this, Lord?"

The conversation still resounds through my mind even though it was nine years ago. For several years I had been serving as the director of a halfway house, along with driving a tractor-trailer in the boroughs of New York City. One day, I had been seeking the Lord in a park outside our hometown of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and the whisper of the Lord set me on a path I had never planned to be on. I thought I never wanted church leadership. Yet now the Lord is saying I want it? After a few months of church discernment, I was affirmed as a pastor and one year later I was installed as the senior pastor.

Now, what about my trucking? I found the answer to be more about identity rather than a job description. I grew up a farm kid, with a love for hard work and the roar of equipment. During seasons of full-time ministry I longed for the scream of a turbo and the feelings of physical work. Yet, while working physical jobs, I missed people and connections.

Ugh! Who am I, and why am I always frustrated? What if I am looking at this wrong? What if it is not about choosing one of them, but being me? The truth is, I am more than a truck driver. However, I am also more than a pastor.

What God puts in us is not a mistake. Frustrations are signs in our hearts that we are made for more. They are meant to draw us to our Father. My trucking has been a gift from the Lord. It keeps me connected to normal life problems and gives me a rest from life as a pastor. The Bible says the ways and the purposes of God are greater than we understand. We can trust our Father that no matter where we are, when we follow Him he will show us the way. After all, you are more than a truck driver.

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On the Cover: A 2012 Peterbilt 386, from Restoration Transportation owner-operator Michael Kerrigan; it's a Paccar MX-13, 530 HP, Eaton-Fuller 10-speed transmission, 355 rear ends, ten aluminum 22.5 wheels, 16" stainless steel drop visor, dual 8" exhaust, LED lighting, four HD cameras and full fiberglass fenders.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

At the International Office, our goal is to provide the best care and support for our staff across the country and around the world. We do that by starting our days with devotions and prayer to keep our focus on the Lord's work and His guidance. Here are some things we are working on:

1. Preparations for the Mid-America Trucking Show are in full swing. Publications and display items are being designed and ordered to make our booth reflect our ministry well.
2. Recruiting chaplains is an urgent need. We are actively brainstorming ways to give people an opportunity to join our team. Coming up are two conferences through *Iron Sharpens Iron* that have the potential to get more candidates into our hiring process.
3. The *First Steps* workbook, a resource for new believers, is being updated and reformatted. Chaplains will use it to mentor drivers and other people who want to grow in their faith.

Please pray for our staff at the International Office. We appreciate your partnership so much!

HIGHWAY NATIONAL EVENTS & NEWS

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is delaying the implementation of the training requirements for entry-level drivers. What was supposed to be in place by February, 2020 is now being pushed back to February, 2022. This training, which includes classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction, is mandatory through an FMCSA-approved school or training program. *January 29, 2020*

The Pilot Company, formerly Pilot Flying J, held a national campaign to raise money for the American Heart Association. Using rounding up checkout donations and online giving, the organization hopes to raise \$1 million. This is an important cause for the truck stop company as the improvement of driver health is of great concern. *January 30, 2020*

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance will conduct its annual road check inspections in early May. This spree of inspections will focus on driver requirements such as CDLs, medical cards, seatbelts and electronic log compliance. If there are no critical violations found, a CVSA decal will be given to the driver to place on the truck. *January 27, 2020*

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Our Corporate Chaplains Network is taking ministry directly to local trucking companies through the efforts of Chaplain Bunny O'Hare. His schedule is determined by which companies have an immediate need or have set up a regular weekly visit time. Crowe Transportation, featured in a recent article, is very pleased with the care that is being given by our chaplain. That care involves meeting the drivers throughout the company, both inside the breakrooms and outside in the parking lot, as well as being on call for crisis situations related to the job or home life of Crowe's employees.

Does this sound like something your company would like to benefit from? Contact our headquarters in Marietta, Pennsylvania by emailing info@tfcglobal.org or calling 717-426-9977. Visit our website at www.TFCGlobal.org/tfc-global-corporate-chaplains-network for more details about this much-needed program.

LEGACY OF FAITH TFCGLOBAL.ORG

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



Our mobile app will be going live soon on your favorite Android and Apple devices. Prayer support and daily Bible verses are two great features! Like our new TFC Global Facebook page to get the official announcement!

Highway News Opens the Way for Sharing the Gospel at the Border Crossing

By Chaplain David Phiri, reporting from Chirundu, Zambia

Our Copperbelt Chaplains, Joshua Mbewe and Peter Kaunda, accompanied by prospective Volunteer Chaplains Teddy Chilomba and Simon Ngobola, came to Chirundu during this past Christmas holidays for training. Held from December 26th to the 31st, its purpose was to provide additional training for current chaplains and orientation training for the new ones. Their level of commitment was demonstrated by the distance they were willing to travel—in each case, several hundred miles—and that during a time when all others were spending time with their families. In Teddy's case, prior to his coming to Chirundu he asked me to WhatsApp his human resources manager, confirming that he was being invited to attend chaplaincy training offered by TFC Global. The manager's response was "Thank you very much," and with that Teddy was granted permission to come to Chirundu.

Part of the training is done at the Ministry Center, then we go to the border crossing to put what has been learned into practice. There, opposite the custom's offices, is a commercial bank, and seated outside near the entrance were four drivers waiting for their customs clearing agent, who was taking care of business inside the bank. When we approached the drivers and introduced ourselves, their response was that they were just waiting for someone who was inside the bank, and as soon as he came out they would be on their way. They said this in a tone of disdain and dismissal. It was my opportunity to show Simon and Teddy how to dispel the "smokescreen" resistance—I asked them to offer the drivers some *Highway News* and calendars. That changed their attitude, so I asked them, "Have you considered that it might have been God's plan for you to be waiting for your friend here so that we could find you and share His Word with you? Would you be willing to hear us out if you knew that?"

In a more receptive attitude, they nodded. Thus a door was opened for me to share the Gospel with them, emphasizing their need for a Savior in the complex and road-exposed life of a truck driver. All four drivers—Kingfat Moyo, Joseph Chibaya, Joffrey Mantumbu, and Gift Sizaba—accepted Jesus. They gave us their WhatsApp numbers so that we could share with them Bible study material for spiritual growth and Scriptures to strengthen them on the road.

While all this was going on, the agent they were waiting for, Mthuisse Ngupe, had walked out of the bank and stood on the steps trying to absorb what was taking place (my team and I did not know that until later). While I was preaching to the four drivers, I caught a glimpse or two of him speaking with Chaplain Peter, who was standing next to him. Amazingly, when I invited the drivers to give their lives to Jesus and began to pray with them, Mthuisse prayed along with us!

Chaplain Peter later told me that when Mthuisse came out of the bank and saw him giving out the *Highway News* to people who were asking for it, he too asked for a copy and wanted to know more about our ministry. Chaplain Peter explained to him our mission to truck drivers. Out of curiosity, Mthuisse began to listen to the message I was sharing with the drivers. That is how he too got convicted and accepted Jesus when I gave the invitation for them to accept Christ. Chaplain Peter helped Mthuisse in the prayer of confession. Only then did he tell Chaplain Peter that the four truck drivers were with him!

(Top) After receiving the Highway News, drivers were open to hearing the Gospel. (Left) The chaplaincy team—Peter, Simon, David and Teddy. Chaplain Joshua was called back to work before the photo was taken.



BAD ADVICE FROM WELL-MEANING CHRISTIANS – PART 1

By Fred Jacobi, MA

We've all heard someone say, "If I had a dollar for every time someone said ____, I'd be rich!" Maybe we've said it ourselves. Honestly, this is how I feel every time I hear a Christian give advice that sounds biblical but is rooted in psychology. The advice has a "form of godliness, but denies its power." In other words, it sounds spiritual and wise, but in the end it is empty. We want to help people experience happiness and peace, yet our counsel may fall short because we've been duped into believing the counsel is true and accurate. There are three common pieces of bad advice Christians give one another, all which fall short of the Gospel. Let's take a look at the first most common piece of advice well-meaning Christians give that is not biblical: "You need to love yourself more" or "You need to love yourself before you can love others."

If you've been in an airplane and paid attention to the flight attendants, you heard them instruct parents to place the oxygen mask on themselves before a child in an emergency situation. This increases your chances that both of you will survive and have enough oxygen. In other words, if you take care of yourself first, you can then take care of others.

The above illustration is often used with the slogan, "You need to love yourself before you can love others." The idea is that we need to learn to love ourselves first before we can love others. There was even a song written that said the greatest love of all is the love of yourself. This would make sense using the oxygen mask illustration, and in some cases, would seem to make sense for us. But is it true?

As a child of the '70s and '80s, I remember the self-esteem movement that was in full swing. Yet I wonder how much of it has really helped people. I do like one aspect of this movement, which is about accepting ourselves, even amidst our daily screw-ups. But loving yourself falls short of the truths in God's Word. Now some people say "loving yourself" is actually in the Bible. After all, the Bible says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." However this verse is not a command to love ourselves; it is an assumption that we already do. In other words, we take care of our wants and our needs. We feed ourselves, clothe ourselves, shelter ourselves, do what we need to do to live and enjoy life. The verse is stating that, since we already take care of ourselves (love ourselves), we ought to love others as well, thus "Love your neighbor as (you already) love yourself." Yet nowhere in this verse does it say that loving one's neighbor is dependent upon loving oneself first.

"OK," you say, "so Scripture does not say we need to love ourselves first, but doesn't it say we need to love ourselves more?" And that would be a "No." Scripture actually points out that we love ourselves too much, which is why Jesus said we must "deny ourselves" and follow Him (Luke 9:23). And Paul states that in the end times people will become lovers of selves (2 Timothy 3:1-2). These statements of Jesus and Paul insist that we actually love ourselves too much. In fact, we need to love ourselves less! This is like fingernails on a chalkboard for some in the self-esteem movement who argue that low self-esteem is a result of low levels of self-love. This conclusion is common because people berate themselves, hate the things they've done, what they look like, how they speak, and as a result, have low self-worth. So, they argue, if you love yourself more, you will accept your failings and give yourself a break.

So how do we respond to others who don't appear to "love themselves" or have positive self-esteem? I'm glad you ask! First, define the problem! Is the issue truly that they don't love themselves, or they love themselves too much? When people have a low self-esteem, they are valuing their own opinion (or other's opinions of them) over God's opinion. They may call themselves unworthy or a failure. These conclusions are reached when people compare themselves with others, fail at various activities or relationships, or are treated poorly by others (rejected, bullied, etc.).

Yet God's Word states that since we are created in God's image, wholly loved by Him who sent His Son to die for us, our worth is immense; it's greater than our failures, greater than other's opinions, and greater than our own opinions or feelings. His grace (unmerited favor) triumphs over our failures; it offers acceptance of us as we are and empowers us to be free from negativity. Low self-esteem, therefore, is not a result of low self-love, but it is valuing our own personal feelings and thoughts more than God's determined truth.

What is the truth? Not "you need to love yourself more," but accept and believe God's grace and love for you, which is not determined by your feelings or thoughts (or other's opinions of you), but by the never-changing character, love, and grace of God. Since Jesus is TRUTH, His death for us on the cross is the WAY for one to have a renewed LIFE.

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Building relationships takes time. Sometimes a lot of time. This allows friendships to grow and trust to be built, earning the right to share God's redeeming grace and gift of salvation with them. This has been the reality of our ministry at the Tulip City Truck Stop in Holland, Michigan, where I have the privilege of serving as lead chaplain.

Building Up the Trucking Community in Holland, Michigan

by Chaplain Dwayne Johnson

Ministry at the Tulip City Truck Stop in Holland started in 2007. Services were first held inside the truck stop, in a common area; then we moved into a separate room and more ministry was added on top of just Sunday services. Then in 2014 local church members, volunteering every Saturday morning, did the job of converting a trailer into a chapel right there, with all the materials donated by local businesses.

The focus of the ministry in Holland is the continuous building of relationships in the trucking community, both at the truck stop and at local trucking companies. This is a responsibility that I don't take lightly, as sometimes that is our greatest door to reaching drivers and other industry personnel. While I spend several nights a week at the truck stop ministering to the drivers that are parked there for the night (associates serve the remainder of the evenings), at least four days a week I visit many West Michigan trucking companies (38 over the course of a month). Some of these I visit only once a month, some biweekly, and some every week.

Some companies allow me to have a Bible study with the guys every week while others block out a time for me to be in their drivers' lounge, available to talk to anyone who needs help or a listening ear. Still others ask only to have materials delivered (Bibles and copies of the *Highway News*) so the drivers have biblically-sound resources to

take with them out on the road. Although some companies may choose to leave it at this stage, occasionally this develops into Bible studies or more time invested in that company. One thing remains constant with each of them, though: they are all avenues to building relationships.

As I see them on a regular basis, this consistent time spent with drivers at their own terminals allows friendships to build and relationships to grow. But I am also meeting new drivers almost every day of the week. Trucking companies spend a lot of time hiring new drivers, and they often introduce them to our ministry as part of their orientation. We are honored to be part of that process. What that communicates to these new drivers is that their company truly cares about them and their families, and a TFC Global chaplain is a resource they can count on to be there for them when they need help.





Following are some of the things happening in our ministry:

- ❖ One man had struggled with alcoholism for many years. Due to that and other factors, true friendships were practically nonexistent—and those that he had were certainly not godly. Now he has turned his life around and is sincerely trying to live for the Lord, and God has given me the pleasure and honor of walking through this with him. Some days are a battle (aren't they for us all?), but he is currently doing really well. Pray for continued strength and wisdom as he navigates a new-found source of hope.
- ❖ A driver came in searching for answers to an issue he was having in his marriage. He has not accepted Christ as his Savior yet, but I keep sharing my faith and giving him the opportunity. Pray that God would soften his heart and help him to see the true Light of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ I've been meeting with someone else whose marriage was quickly coming apart at the seams. There had been some major damage, and he recognized his need for help. That help comes from the Lord! We have been spending time together every week, walking through God's Word on different topics that deal with restoring first his relationship with God, then his wife. Pray that his marriage is fully transformed, and his faith becomes unwavering.
- ❖ A driver from Virginia that has visited the truck stop on occasion hadn't been there for quite some time. This past summer he showed up and I addressed him by name. He was surprised that I had remembered him by name, and it was like we have been friends forever. The connection was fantastic. All based upon Christ!



Previous page: Kuperus is one of many companies that welcomes the ministry of TFC Global.

Top: drivers can't miss the FaithLife Center as they approach the fuel islands.

Middle: Chaplain Dwayne visits with driver Joe at the drivers' room of the company he drives for, ALTL, Inc. (bottom).

THIS IS MY STORY

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story"

Reentering the Ghetto

Psalms 107:2

As people involved in trucking, it is hard to imagine our lives before the "fever" hit us. Once trucking possessed me, I tried to ignore it...women don't like trucks! So, for many years I worked in the white collar world, including a branch I call the "clerical ghetto." It upsets me to see so many wonderful, creative people fall into the lures and lies of that ghetto.

Here are some of the rules a ghetto worker will encounter:

1. Work at a menial job with an exclusive title, but when you try to utilize the authority you believe goes with the job, you are shot down and reprimanded.
2. Dress up in fashionable clothing that is barely affordable on your meager pay, so you can present the "image" of the company and have others believe that the company really pays you what you are worth.
3. Buy a new car to keep up the "image" with a monthly payment as high as your rent or mortgage while maxing out credit cards trying to buy happiness.
4. Stifle all creative ideas until your time off, thus the birth of the TGIF syndrome. But by then you are too tired to be creative!

Trying to achieve this "uptown" persona can be tough on a \$10-per-hour salary. But as long as the "image" stays alive and the advertisers and stores make money selling products we "must" embrace to keep up these false fronts, why, then we really are somebody, aren't we?

We may look like a million bucks but some are barely keeping afloat financially and are being cloned into what someone else wants. In the ghetto, it appears women in particular are eternally trapped because they have been conditioned that this is the work they should do.

So I dressed up each day, held those positions and got a paycheck each week. And I hated it because I wasn't outdoors, getting my hands dirty, seeing this wonder-

ful country, chatting with drivers and trading stories and cups of coffee with those who keep our country moving.

Drivers complain that rates are bad...yet the ghetto is a trap where wages truly stay at minimum rates with barely if no room for negotiation. True, there are many people who prefer or must live this lifestyle. Many do earn a reasonable wage and may feel rewarded for their toil—to them I say, great!

But the majority are just like the average trucker...worked to death, underpaid and under-appreciated. It is even worse when you have the trucking bug and work in the ghetto and are constantly badgered by a feeling, tugging to be out there. So I got my CDL and met my partner of 22 years, a driver, and went trucking with him over the road for 12 years. I took a chance and left the ghetto.

He was an old school owner-operator. He worked in trucking for 40 years before his death in 2014. He was a good driver and a gifted mechanic. He could diagnose a sick Cummins, reconfigure the wiring harness in the Kenworth using a flashlight and a screwdriver when the lights mysteriously disappeared on a foggy night, and could rig a damaged air governor with just embroidery thread and gasket sealer until we got off the interstate to really fix it.

He said he would be better off away from 'these dirty old trucks' but he was hooked and, under it all, he knew it. Forty years is a long time to have the fever. And he, like so many truckers, helped me when I was down to nothing—and he never gave it a second thought.

So, when the truck needed maintenance, I was forced to make a decision. Should I reenter the ghetto for the time being while the old Kenworth was in the shop? Even though I knew it was a temporary measure to keep the

income incoming, it was a torture test. It made me nervous and made my heart race. I often felt that once I entered the doors of the “corporation” that they would swallow me up whole and I would forever be trapped.

But I did end up going to the corporation for that short time through temporary employment agencies. I did so because I could see the light at the end of the tunnel. And each chance I got, I talked to people about the importance of trucks. And guess what? They really did listen (mostly with envy) and got excited and asked questions. That made me glad, the time passed quickly, and soon I was in my trucking element again.

That is why I say, drivers, we complain about the rates, fuel prices, lumpers, cost of equipment and repairs, road conditions, DOT—but we stay in it. Why? Because we can still be ourselves, individuals—dress as we please, run our business in the wee hours of the morning, enjoy the view of the big moving picture before us and be in a different city each day.

There are tradeoffs in any business, but I gladly traded in my fancy clothing for work boots and jeans so I could live with the unpredictability that each day in trucking brings.

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Lynn Bolster has been active in the trucking industry since the 1980s. She worked over the road for 12 years with her partner of 22 years, Bill, who died in 2014. She has her bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in recreation and leisure studies management with a focus in health and fitness. Her master's thesis was written on “The Recreational Pursuits and Health Habits of Long Distance Truckers.” She has been featured in The Washington Post, USA Today and others and also has had articles published in various trucking publications. She was the sales manager over three truck stops for several years. Lynn is an active member of the TFC Global York-Adams Chapter. Her greatest satisfaction comes from educating others about trucks and trucking. “There is such ignorance yet fascination in the general public with trucks and trucking. If I can educate people who will then pass along a good, knowledgeable word about this vital industry, then I feel my purpose is fulfilled.”



~ Prayer Is Key ~

Pray for the Harvest—“Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest” (John 4:35).

Pray for Your Legacy—“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth” (3 John 4). Our directive at TFC Global is to produce “spiritual children.” We are most effective in doing that within the sphere of our influence, which is the trucking community. Your support of our ministry is one way you can have a direct influence on the trucking community by leaving a legacy through the development of “spiritual children” who can, and will, impact the trucking industry for years to come.

Prayer—More Prayer—Much Prayer—“Lord Jesus, come into our lives and mold them in Your image. Come into our minds and keep them clean. Come into our homes and make them holy. Come to our work and make it fruitful that we might use Your blessings to lay up treasures in heaven. Come into our nation and make it virtuous and strong. Come into our world and grant it salvation.”

Ron Fraser

Calgary Ministry Is Back!

By Chaplain Sam McIntosh

When we left Edmonton to open a new Ministry Center location in Pass Lake, Ontario, we thought we'd be there for good—until, in February of 2018, we were asked to reopen the Ministry Center in Calgary, Alberta. We hummed and hawed for a while, not wanting to move again, but after much prayer and encouragement from the two volunteers in Pass Lake, we listed our condo for sale in April. The condo market had fallen off quite a bit but by then we believed God wanted us in Calgary. After listing it, we waited, and waited some more. Janet worked keeping the books for the owners of the truck stop and was having a struggle leaving because hiring a replacement for her would be a huge challenge for them.

In October of that year we had a staff conference in Pennsylvania and we drove to it. On the way home we got a call from our real estate agent that we had an offer. They wanted us out in a week and asked us to drop the price another \$20,000. We had listed it for \$20,000 less than we paid for it, so we sent the offer back dropping it only another \$3,000, with a closing date of late November—and they accepted it! Then we got a call from the truck stop owners that they had sold the truck stop and Janet was going to be out of a job anyway. God was confirming it was His will that we move.

When we went to the bank, they confirmed they would just transfer the mortgage to Calgary. We flew to Calgary and looked for a condo, but when we talked to the bank again they said that with Janet not having a job



yet they couldn't transfer the mortgage. After many phone calls we rented a beautiful condo in Calgary that suited us perfectly.

I won't get into all the details of moving across country and getting settled; I'm sure anyone who's done it can imagine! We got moved in and unpacked, and then I got the chapel back into operation. As it had been closed for about three years, I knew it would take a while to build the traffic up. The Roadking and J's Wok and Grill both treat us very well and I'm meeting more and more drivers all the time. I have met and spent time with some of the business owners in the truck stop as well.

Our monthly prayer breakfast is slowly growing in attendance, which is very encouraging. Please pray with us that God will grow the ministry and that we will make a difference in drivers' lives.

Can You Guess
This Truck?



Send guess to editor@TFCGlobal.org.
Last month's truck (below) was a
1953 Ford Model F-750.



CHAPLAINS WANTED!

CHAPLAIN QUALIFICATIONS

- * Saved by faith in Jesus Christ
- * Work and communicate well with a variety of people
- * Trained in Biblical Studies or willing to work toward this degree
- * Passionate about serving the trucking industry
- * Attend an intensive training program

For additional information visit

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TFC Global is a 501C3 organization dedicated to leading professional drivers as well as the trucking industry to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The following locations are in urgent need of called, passionate leadership. Come join our team!

**DADE CITY, FLORIDA
EAST ST LOUIS, ILLINOIS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

HIGHWAY CHAPLAINS

Some of our greatest ministry stories come from drivers who are sharing their faith and ministering to people that cross their paths. If God is calling you to be more intentional about using the avenue of your driving job to reach other drivers and people in the trucking industry with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we want to chat with you! As a Highway Chaplain for TFC Global, you would be given an opportunity to attend our chaplaincy training program as well as the support of our headquarters with resources and continued education.

Contact our office at info@tfcglobal.org or call 717-426-9977 to get more information.



Rambler

Do You Know the Answer?

I enjoy listening and interacting with you, drivers, in the TV lounge or over a breakfast of ham, eggs and hash browns; it helps me know what is important to you. Conversations usually center around sports, politics, national and world events, personal experiences, or perspectives of the trucking world. It often includes the game of topping the other guy's story.

There is one thing we all know but one which we fail to honor in these discussions and that is, everyone has an opinion. Our opinions are based on feelings or what we think we know (even if we don't know). At other times they are established simply upon what we don't want to believe—whether right or wrong. Many times, it simply is a matter of preference. And that preference becomes the foundation of a worldview. But what is a worldview? What does it look like?

My worldview is what determines how I live, what I live for, and who is in control. It is established upon my understanding of what is the meaning of life. It is brought into sharper focus when faced with the question of who is the source of life—my life.

The Bible, which is God's Word, reveals answers to those very questions humanity has wrestled with from the beginning. Until we can answer certain questions, nothing will make sense. If there is no heaven, why do people assume they will be going there when they die? Do they have a reason? And then the issue of how did the world and man come into existence raises the ultimate question: is there a God, and is He the source of all we see? And then we have to face the reality of the existence of evil and the pain in the world and who or what is responsible. There is no other source for those answers but the Bible.

The Bible, made up of both the Old and New Testaments, reveals the ultimate hope and the answers the world seeks but which many reject. The prophets of the Old Testament spoke of the promised Hope as they were inspired and led by the Spirit of God. They spoke of a coming Messiah with great detail.

On the calendar, we now stand between Christmas, the birth of Jesus, and Easter, His death and resurrection. The Jewish prophets, like Moses, Isaiah, and Micah, under the direction of God's Spirit, foretold the coming of a Messiah with great detail. Micah 5:2 speaks of Jesus and His coming: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times." Isaiah 53:5-6 foretold what was to be the Messiah's purpose in coming: "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

It was after Jesus' death and resurrection that the prophecies about the Messiah became clear to the disciples. Luke summed it up in his Gospel, when he quoted Jesus saying, "'Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in the Scriptures concerning himself" (Luke 24:26-27).

There are prophecies yet to be fulfilled as spoken by Jesus and the prophets. For that reason, it is of eternal importance to take seriously the reason for the coming of Jesus, our Messiah. When we stand before God, it's not going to be a matter of your or my opinion. The decision of our eternal destiny will be determined by one thing: have we confessed Jesus as our only means of salvation, the hope that sets our hearts at peace and mind at ease when the world around us is being shaken?

How about you, driver?

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Confusion, Be Gone!

'Hey, Green Onion, why are you wearing that big button that says B.I.K.?' asked Hog Caller. 'Oh, Hog Caller, it means 'Boy, I'm KONFUSED!'' 'Onion, you don't spell confused with a K.' 'Yeah, Hog, that just shows how confused I really am.'

Are you feeling mentally and emotionally bewildered today over all the uncertainties of our world, our country, the family and even yourself? Does life seem to you like a jumbled riddle wrapped up in a mysterious enigma?

We feel intense fear and panic over covert terrorism and coercion. We are disillusioned over politics and those who manage our public affairs. There are so many illegitimate answers to life's puzzling questions. We are made to feel helpless, ill at ease and uncomfortable.

I am not broadminded and liberal in my thinking, but I believe I am liberated and set free in my Christian mind because for decades I have saturated and soaked my soul in God's Word, the Bible. It calms my nerves because it reminds me that God has the whole universe in His loving hands and He knows the end from the beginning. God has revealed many truths so we can understand His will and purposes, but there are still mysteries and secrets. The Bible says, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law" (Deuteronomy 29:29). Everything we need to know about God He has revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

History gives overwhelming evidence of man's rebellion and sinfulness. God constantly uncovers our need for a Savior because of our sinfulness, selfishness and our violation of His eternal laws. In His mercy, He provided a Savior in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son..."

(Hebrews 1:1-2). He is "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being" (1:3).

God's Word says that Jesus created everything there is: "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (John 1:3). In other words, nothing exists that Jesus didn't make. The Apostle Paul said, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:15-17).

Life itself was in Him and this life gives light to everyone who believes. He is the source of eternal life to all who trust and believe and rely on Him to take away all their sins. Jesus is the faithful and true message and the true witness for God Himself. He has given to us everything we need to know for living a life pleasing to Him in all godliness through the Holy Spirit whom He sent. The Apostle Paul also said, "...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12 KJV).

This confidence can only come in this sick, confused world as we discipline ourselves to study and know the Bible. God has promised to teach us as we read. Remember, we walk by faith, not by sight. Confusion disappears when we know the truth that sets us free in Christ.

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Do You Know Your ABCs?

If you were to die today,
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You can know for sure.

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).

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To give your life to Christ, read the "ABC" Scriptures above and pray the prayer below. Let us know about your decision.

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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