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A Word from Our President

Every once in a while, I am asked, “What’s it like to be the grandfather of an adopted child?”

My wife Deb and I have two adopted grandchildren whom we love as if they were our own flesh and blood. They are a joy to our hearts. Every time I look at them I am reminded of God’s love for me. Romans 8:16 tells us “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” You see when I became a Christian I was adopted as well. Adopted by God into His family.

Being adopted is an amazing thing. My two adopted grandchildren were taken from a situation that probably would not have turned out well and were given the opportunity to grow up in a loving Christian home. They became members of a new family. They had a new identity, a new name, a new opportunity, and eventually a new inheritance. They were chosen to be part of my son’s family.

Adoption into God’s family is all of that and infinitely more. Scripture is very clear—a Christian is a chosen child of God (Ephesians 1:4–5). As adopted children, we enter into a new relationship with God. Though we were chosen before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4), we lived as an enemy of God up to the moment of our salvation (Ephesians 2:1–2). At our conversion, we were adopted into God’s family through Jesus Christ. We have a new identity—the sons and daughters of God. The eternal God is our Father (1 John 3:1–2).

But as in any family, this relationship goes both ways. Just as my grandchildren took on my son’s name and became part of his family, humanly speaking, we take on the name of God—we are His children, His heirs, and His ambassadors. Our Father wants us to protect His name through our thoughts, speech, and actions—we are responsible for His reputation (Romans 12:1–2).

As adopted children, we have a new opportunity. Since the Holy Spirit lives inside us, for the first time we can please God (Ephesians 2:10) and be holy (Hebrews 12:10). We have a new blessing and inheritance—we are joint heirs with Jesus, receiving His eternal riches (Romans 8:14–17, 23).

If you’re a Christian, the next time you hear of someone who has adopted a child and you begin to wonder what it’s like, reflect on your own adoption ... as a child of the infinite Creator of the universe!

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, know this: He does not desire you to be an orphan. Jesus Christ, through His own shed blood, has made provision for you to become a member of His family. Ephesians 2:8–9 says “For by grace are you saved by faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.” God has given you a gift, a limited time offer, to spend eternity with Him. Ask yourself. If I were to die today, where would I spend eternity? If you do not know the answer to that question then stop at one of our FaithLife Centers at a truck stop near you and one of our chaplains will be happy to speak with you. Or give me a call and I will be happy to share the good news of the Gospel with you.

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On the Cover and Above: Scenes from the TFC Global Chicken Barbecue Drive-Thru at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in June (held in lieu of the annual Truck Rally this year). Many truckers still came, and even had an impromptu parade. See story on page 8.

TRAINING WITH EXCELLENCE

By Joanna Maart, Director of Communications



The Traber Center, part of Camp Sankanac, hosted our June Chaplaincy Training Institute. Eight gentlemen were able to receive TFC Global orientation and education on chaplaincy philosophy and mindset.

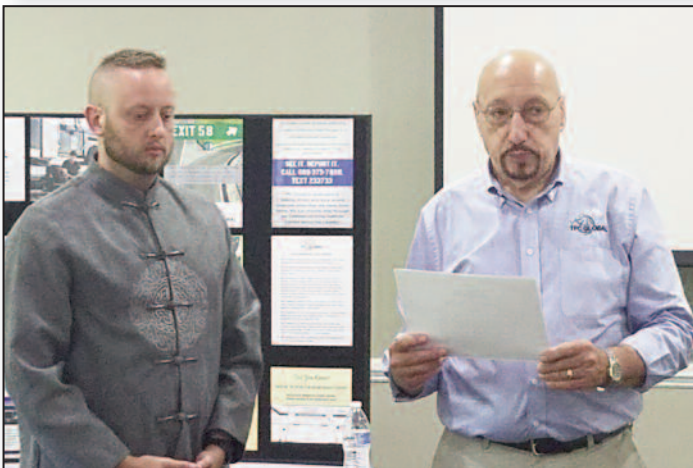
Lt. Col. Ret. John Wheatley, our director of Training and Development, was with us to provide Phase II of our CTI Chaplaincy Training Program. Dr. Wheatley's experience, visual aids and activities gave a well-rounded approach to what the men will face while ministering.



TFC Global staff added to that knowledge with details about the ministry focus and administrative side of our ministry. At the end of our training, our guys were sent away with some next steps to get them started with team building and location management.

Please pray for the following new staff members as they transition into full-time ministry with TFC Global or step into new positions of responsibility:

- ◆ Bob Barton: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- ◆ Scott Reed: Beavertown, Ohio
- ◆ Robert Roades: Racine, Wisconsin
- ◆ Erik Yeary: Nashville, Tennessee
- ◆ Chad Roedema: District Manager, Great Lakes
- ◆ Rich Desmond: District Manager, New England
- ◆ Howard Hill: District Manager, Southeast
- ◆ Robert Keiderling: District Manager, Northeast



(Top right) Front row, Ruth Martin and Ron Fraser on far left and Joanna Maart on far right join a happy (and relieved!) group of graduates. (Top left)) Chaplains Bob & Howard work together on figuring out a puzzle; (middle) sending prayer by Ron Fraser; (bottom) Chaplain Erik receives his completion certificate from Ron Fraser.

Digital Cocaine: Pandemic, Technology, and Dopamine – The Consequences

Part 3 of 5 - By Brad Huddleston

You know that feeling you get during a really good kiss? Well, that euphoric sensation comes from neurochemicals in the brain, especially dopamine¹, a neurotransmitter that's rewarding you with those emotional feelings of joy when it arrives in the pleasure center of the brain known as the nucleus accumbens², which is part of the reward pathway³. In other words, when we engage in high stimulating activities, dopamine is released into the Autobahn of the brain. We are then "rewarded" with feelings of pleasure. Sometimes these rewards are healthy, and sometimes they are addictive. A small amount of dopamine from an activity can be healthy, but continuous large amounts are addictive⁴ and, therefore unhealthy.

In terms of brain health, it's one thing to receive the "happy hormone" as a result of a smooch from your pet, child, or spouse, and it's an entirely different thing to be rewarded with it from illicit drugs as well as digital drugs, which are legal. What makes my message about digital addiction incredibly challenging is that there is no stigma attached to video games, social media, Netflix binging, etc. like there is with cocaine and heroin.

To further complicate matters, the use of digital drugs is encouraged by the education systems of the world, youth groups, churches, and the culture in general. The problem is that the dopamine levels generated by both illicit and digital drugs are extremely high—high enough to cause a literal dependency. Until we have a paradigm shift in the way we think about digital activities, the problem will only worsen.

It is not my intention to label all digital activities as digital drugs, but the truth is, many that we don't consider harmful, are. In the remaining articles I will attempt to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy uses of our devices, not throw all of them away.

Technically speaking, just about anything can be addictive. However, lower stimulating activities such as reading books (ones printed on paper), a friendly in-person, face-to-face conversation, or listening to your favorite music⁵ usually yield non-addictive amounts of dopamine. These are generally healthy activities in which to engage regularly. Perhaps you noticed that these activities are all analog, or non-digital. You might be thinking, "What about the music coming from my phone? Isn't that a digital

activity?" Well, yes and no. Even though the music emanates from a digital source, it's analog when it goes into your ears. That would be a potential good use of technology—so long as you're not staring at the screen and doing other digital activities simultaneously.

High stimulating activities such as video game playing, compulsive use of social media, gambling, ingesting cocaine, heroin, alcohol, or marijuana, cause the brain to release high levels of dopamine in the nucleus accumbens, thus producing blissful emotions. As a person continues to overstimulate the brain with traditional or digital drugs, the brain builds up a tolerance; it gets used to that activity⁶, and to continue feeling high, the person must do more and more of that activity. This is where the addiction begins. Lesser stimulating activities, such as a hug, a face-to-face conversation, prayer, Bible reading, sermons, or even traditional sports, can become boring. Those activities do not produce enough dopamine to overcome the tolerance that has been built up in the brain. In other words, a drug-abuser becomes emotionally numb to activities of lesser stimulation.

When a person stops the drug, he or she experiences withdrawal, which results in symptoms that include anxiety and depression⁷. As a person continues these activities, serotonin begins to decrease. Serotonin is a hormone in the brain partially responsible for feelings of satiation, or contentment⁸. Decreased levels of serotonin are also associated with depression⁹.

The good news is that the brain can reset. What worries me is that the necessary increased use of technology during the COVID-19 Pandemic, along with the unnecessary time spent on devices, might be too much for our brains to recover from fully. Only time will tell.

¹"What's in a Kiss? The Science of Smooching" britishcouncil.org/voices-magazine; ²"Understanding Addiction" helpguide.org/harvard/how-addiction-hijacks-the-brain.htm; ³"The Reward Pathway" National Institute on Drug Abuse, Feb. 2016; ⁴Hirschman, David. "Your Brain on Drugs: Dopamine and Addiction"; ⁵Dolan, Eric W. "[Listening to the Music You Love Will Make Your Brain Release More Dopamine, Study Finds](#)"; ⁶"[Tolerance and Withdrawal](#)" YouTube, June 25, 2014; ⁷*Ibid*; ⁸"[Reward Pathway in the Brain](#)" YouTube, June 25, 2014; ⁹"Serotonin|Endocrine Society, The Hormone Health Network."

This article is from Brad's upcoming book, Digital Rehab: Digital Detox and Beyond.

More about Brad's work can be found at bradhuddleston.com

NEWS FROM COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

- An interview with Chaplain Willie Tucker -

1. How has your ministry changed since the outbreak of the virus?

As you know, the corona virus outbreak has hindered our ministry with its stay-at-home orders. I was able to visit churches and show what our ministry is about and reach out for recruitment as well.

2. What is one encounter that sticks out to you in the last year?

I was excited about counseling with a driver who had marital problems. Afterward, he and his wife rekindled their relationship and were able to reconcile with each other. I was also able to assist a driver and his family with lodging for two days as he was dealing with termination from one company while he was getting a job locally.

3. What are two things we can be praying about?

Pray for God's healing in our land and that we may return safely to a sense of normalcy. Pray that our drivers continue to seek God's guidance.

The logs below are an additional glimpse of how the Lord is using the witness of the ministry in Columbia:



- ◆ A visitor came in after the service had ended. I told him the service was over, but I would be more than happy to talk with him if he had something on his mind. He eagerly began to share that his wife had been in the hospital, suffering from dementia. He said today was special because she recognized him. We talked for a while longer, and we prayed for him and his family.
- ◆ One female trucker came in and told us she had a "praise- the-Lord miracle" that happened to her. Her testimony was that she was traveling on a state highway in Indiana when she was caught up in the vortex of a tornado. She survived but did not know where she was. She and her truck were flung sideways on the highway. She said she was rescued by young people that were following close behind her. She was thankful she survived with only a few scratches, and her truck survived to be driven another day. She testified of courage in the face of danger and that only the Lord could have supplied her with that courage. We prayed a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord before she left.
- ◆ One of the visitors to the service was from Havana, Cuba, and said he was an atheist. He stayed for the entire service; the message was from John chapter 3. We had a long talk about salvation afterward. I am praying the seed was planted.
- ◆ George came in and started telling us he was ashamed because he has a problem with alcohol and other things. He said he wanted to stop but didn't seem to be able to. I told him Jesus could help him. He thought he had to get better for Jesus to accept him. I told him Jesus knows we can't do it ourselves, and He died to pay for our sins. I told him he had one of two choices: to trust Jesus or not. I asked what he was going to do. He said he wanted to trust Jesus.
- ◆ One driver came in deeply guilt ridden and confessed his sin of drug addiction. We prayed that he would be delivered from his addiction and trust Christ for forgiveness and a new life. When he left it was apparent that he had felt forgiven and was ready to resume his life guilt-free because he had confessed his sin before God. We thank God that he was given the courage to come to talk and confess his sin to us and before God. I felt that he had the assurance of his salvation and forgiveness of his sin.
- ◆ A driver came in and gave his testimony of how his wife prayed for him and how the Lord used different things in his life to get him to trust Jesus as Savior. This was a very encouraging testimony.

Pastor's Corner - Craig Maart

Craig has been married to his wife, Joanna, for 25 years. They have raised two children, now in college. Craig has a master's degree and has been a pastor in student ministry for 25 years. His passion is for people to become disciples of Jesus and for men to rise up and fulfill their God-given role as leaders in their family and in the local church. This is from a presentation he gave at a men's meeting in his church.



Being a Better Man of God - Part 2

What is a Godly Man?

- ◆ One Who Leads Himself First
- ◆ One Who Loves His Wife
- ◆ One Who Leads with Vision and Clarity

A Godly Man Leads Himself First

- ◆ He works to be spiritually healthy.
- ◆ I Corinthians 16:13-14—"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."
- ◆ He exercises long-term faithfulness and freshness with God. His wife and children will follow authentic faith, clarity and vulnerability (but he does it for his own benefit, not just "for them" - otherwise it won't be authentic and will be short-lived).
- ◆ He knows his identity. He understands we are to be God's image on earth—that's our identity.
- ◆ He is driven by truth, NOT by feelings.

Remember: it is never too late to start, improve, or make adjustments!

A Godly Man Loves His Wife

- ◆ Ephesians 5:25-33—"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."
- ◆ I Peter 3:7—"Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."
- ◆ To keep and thrive in their covenant of marriage, he sanctifies her as he loves himself, "so their prayers will not be hindered."
- ◆ His love for her sets an example for their children and for generations to follow.
- ◆ He lives with the future in mind: after the children are gone, it's just him and his wife, with time to be alone. He makes sure they will like to be together once the kids are out of the house.

A Godly Man Leads with Vision and Clarity

- ◆ Proverbs 29:18—"Where there is no vision, the people perish." A godly man understands God did not create us and send us out into the great unknown without a purpose and mission, and we can't do that with our family.
- ◆ He understands God has called him to lead the family, so he strives to lead with clarity.
- ◆ He chooses to engage, to lead. He seeks God on how to do this and uses the strengths of his wife as they raise their kids. He makes sure they are on the same page.
- ◆ He makes time to be with them (he remembers he's never going to wish he worked more).
- ◆ He knows the importance of instilling a vision of godly manhood and womanhood into his children; he applauds godly characteristics vs. achievements.

As reported by Doris High

A Different Kind of Rally

When the Truck Rally committee met back in April for their annual planning meeting, they knew a standard rally was out of the question. Should they cancel? They finally decided on a chicken barbecue drive-thru. They looked into some locations that would have been free, but they chose to hold it at the location the rally has always been held - the Lebanon Expo Fairgrounds – to keep with tradition. Doris High kept a record of the day's events in her blog, which is the source of this report.

The rally committee and helpers were already at the Fairgrounds organizing the day when we arrived at 9:00 AM. There were already several trucks on the lot. TFC Global only advertised the drive-thru chicken barbecue meal but did encourage drivers to bring their trucks for the meal pick-up (preferably without the trailer!).

A reception canopy was placed in the driveway, where people presented their meal tickets or purchased them (480 tickets were presold, and 120 extras were ordered, for a total of 600). A recent copy of *Highway News* and a donation envelope was handed to everyone.

Corby & Vanessa Russell and Randy & Karen Sauder planned the barbecue layout with two tractor trailer rigs for a "truck rally effect" and to give guidance to the traffic lines. Peter's BBQ trucks were parked between the rigs and meal pick-up was on the outside of the rigs.



We didn't know if we should expect trucks but were pleased that there were 29 drivers who came in and parked their trucks. Some came with their families and set up canopies to enjoy each other and the chicken barbecue meals.

And they would not be denied their tradition; just before 11:30 AM, the drivers (with John Rissler, photo on left, from California, Missouri, in the lead) left the grounds and went out on a parade.



A committee member knew this might happen and checked with local authorities. We were told it would be all right to do it without the help of fire police. It was delightful to hear the sound of trucks when they all started their engines at the same time—even just 29 trucks can make a lot of noise!



We heard that some of the families were on the road by 2:00 AM to get to the Fairgrounds before the early morning rain. When I messaged one of the drivers, Marcus, if that was true, this was his response: “Yes! I drove 5,800 miles in seven and a half days just to be home for the show and didn't finish up polishing and waxing my truck until midnight. I showered, slept until 2:00 AM, then drove down to Lebanon to beat the rain.” He was one of five drivers from the same company, Brent Miller Trucking LLC, who made it to the rally (see photo at bottom). “My boss and his family make it every year,” he said. “This is my second year, and I plan on many more!”



One driver told a committee member that the Truck Rally is a highlight for his family every year. Even though it was not a “normal” truck rally they decided to attend.

We are so grateful that, even in the midst of trying circumstances, we were able to hold the event; we’re also grateful to all those who made it happen: the committee and day helpers, those who attended, bought meals, stayed for the day, and gave generous donations to help raise funds for TFC Global. And most of all, to the Lord for enabling us to do it.



A Different Kind of Truck Rally Photo Feature







Legacy of Faith

*A word from Joanna Maart,
Director of Communications*

We are so close! For many months, TFC Global has made a dedicated effort to pay off our mortgage on the international office in Marietta, Pennsylvania. God has laid our need on your heart and you have responded in obedience. That's amazing!

Our mortgage debt balance is just over \$50,000. We are so thankful for the support by our faith partners in helping us reach our goal. The removal of this debt from our financial responsibilities will allow us to reach more drivers and members of the trucking community with the gospel and resources to encourage them on their faith journey.

If you would like to give a gift toward this goal, go to www.tfcglobal.org/give for PayPal and Network for Good giving options. Checks, payable to TFC Global, can be mailed to TFC Global, PO Box 117, Marietta, PA 17547.

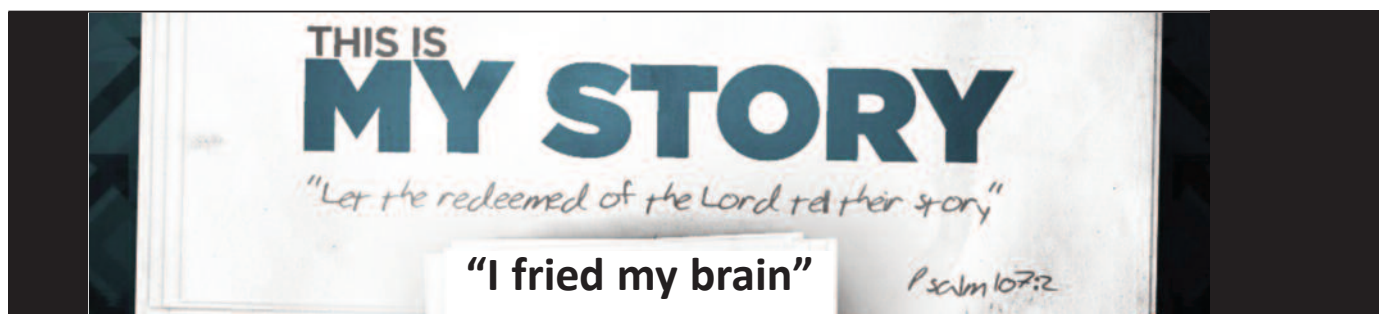
God at Work in Chilliwack, British Columbia

- By Chaplain Paul Cairns -

As I look back over the last twelve years, I am so thankful for the way God has blessed the ministry in Chilliwack through so many answered prayers. I think back to April 2017 when the chapel had to be moved because of the Esso truck stop shutting down. God opened the door allowing the chapel to relocate to the Husky truck stop. Eight months later that door was closed and we again started looking for a new location. With the many prayers of His people, God opened the door again, allowing us to move back to the old location (now known as Lickman Travel Centre). Our prayers were answered!

After our Fall Banquet we started collecting items for the gift bags we hand out to drivers at Christmas time (our thanks to all the businesses that helped us out with their donations!). Then on December 3rd I had a heart attack (from which I recovered, but have gone from being med-free to taking seven pills a day). I needed help putting the Christmas bags together and am so grateful for all the friends who stepped in to help with that. We are also grateful for all those who helped hand them out to drivers. Over Christmas we were able to give out more than 100 bags. We heard so many grateful comments from drivers, like, "Nobody does this for us" and "Why are you doing this?" This gave us the opportunity to share what Christmas is really all about.

We're also grateful for the members of our supporting churches for their participation in the "snack packs for truck drivers" project. Again, comments we received were very encouraging; they asked us to thank everyone. When they read the notes in the packs, some of the drivers came looking for us to thank us again. As a result of this project, we had two drivers accept the Lord as their Savior and many others rededicate their lives to Him in the past three months. We hope to continue with this project in the days to come.



My first encounter with Jesus happened when I attended a children's crusade with "Cowboy Bob"; I was around nine or ten years old. Even though I didn't fully understand, one night I asked Jesus into my heart. Looking back, I believe God simply took me at my word and never let me go. I got home very excited and asked my dad if he believed in God. His reply was stern: "There ain't no God, boy; don't ever bring it up again."

My father passed away a few years later. My mother did the best she could raising us but struggled with issues of her own, and by age fifteen I was one angry young man. That did not change when she got married again, and we moved to Pennsylvania. My stepfather was a good man and willing to be the father figure I needed, but I still held on to my anger. I had started using drugs years before, and in a strange environment with no friends, it seemed the easiest way to be accepted and numb myself from life.

In the next two years, I "fried my brain" as the saying goes, to the point that I would walk into a room and just stand there, not able to remember what I wanted. There was little doubt to anyone that I had a serious drug problem, and my mind was pretty much gone.

Then Bernie, someone I used to hang around with and who dabbled in selling drug at times, told me about "getting saved." He talked to me about Jesus and kept inviting me to church. I could see that something had happened in his life, that he was truly happy. I finally gave in and went to church with him. After a few visits, I was at the altar, asking Jesus to forgive me for my sins and make me a new person. I began to read the Bible, and God began to peel away at my hard outer shell. After six months of enjoying this new life in Christ, my old life caught up with me. One day, at work, I was handcuffed, read my rights and thrown in jail. The charges (from before I became a believer): selling drugs (to an undercover agent, as it turned out to be) as well as the burglary of a drugstore.

No amount of pleading from my attorney could get the judge to understand that I had been truly changed; the

prosecuting attorney shot it all down as "jailhouse religion." Testimony from pastor and church members did not sway the judge, and I found myself carted off to prison. It was only an eighteen-month sentence to a county lock-up but still, I could not see why God would allow this to happen to me after I had surrendered my life to Him.

I told an inmate I wished I had my guitar, and he made a request to the warden. Soon, I had my guitar and was singing and playing worship music in prison. To some I was just another religious nutcase while others listened and accepted Jesus as their Savior. I began to understand God's plan: the people in that prison needed the message of hope just as I had needed it. The Lord decided to use my circumstances for that moment.

Twelve days into an eighteen-month sentence, I was released! Elmer Beck, a policeman from my town, saw the change in my life, convinced the judge that my conversion was real and got him to release me into the Teen Challenge program. By the time I graduated from the program, my memory and clarity of thought were restored by God's Word penetrating through all of the years of drugs, heartache and anger.

While there were some ups and downs along the way, I finally surrendered to my calling as a minister. Today, I am privileged to serve drivers all across the country through the ministry that God has allowed. He has healed my mind (literally)!

I firmly believe that God takes us at our word—even when we are a ten-year-old child, asking Him to come in to our heart and save us. He will take you at your word and help you no matter what you have done and no matter what your age. All He really wants from you is a genuine relationship.

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Overseas Ministries Update

— By Kevin Scott —

In our September 2019 report we narrated a story of a BHL driver who had an accident in Lusaka and killed about a dozen people when he lost control of his truck and it rammed into a building. The driver, Elias, was arrested, charged and kept in remand prison awaiting trial. While in prison he gave his life to Jesus, and when he came out after his miraculous acquittal by the court, he looked for Chaplain Joshua and told his story, which Chaplain Joshua relayed to me.

Elias was one of the drivers in the team supervised by Chaplain Joshua. Whenever Chaplain Joshua would be at the depot, he would begin the day with a prayer and a short sermon before giving his morning brief to the drivers in his team. Elias showed no interest in the prayers and preaching of the Word of God—he just wanted to hear the morning briefing. When the company stopped the prayers from being conducted on company premises, Elias was one of those who welcomed the news.

It was during the same week that Elias had an accident that killed a dozen people. He was arrested, charged for careless driving and manslaughter, his driving license was suspended and he faced jail time of up to sixteen years. The company was obligated to pay for the funeral expenses of the victims. Elias knew that his career was over, but his self-esteem deceived him into thinking all this would be over soon. After sitting in prison for a while, the realization of what he had done and the consequences he faced began to dawn on him. He felt sorry for himself, and his mind began to fill with thoughts of guilt and a sense of being punished by God for all his rebellion and scorn toward prayers and the preaching of His Word.

As his self-condemnation and guilt grew, Elias began to remember the times when Chaplain Joshua would pray and share the Word of God with him and his colleagues, and how most of his friends accepted Jesus through his preaching. He started wishing Chaplain Joshua would visit him in prison and lead him to Christ. He felt a deep remorse for the souls he had destroyed and wished he could go back in time and accept Jesus. “Maybe then all this would not have happened,” he told himself.

Elias began to ask God for forgiveness for all his rebellious acts towards Him. He spent many days fasting and



Chaplain Joshua (in yellow vest) at the Copperbelt, with Elias next to him on right.

weeping before the Lord. One day an evangelist visited the prison, and Elias straightaway gave his life to Jesus. From then on he attended every meeting held by visiting preachers. He accepted responsibility for what he had done, and the peace of God filled his heart as he waited for his trial and whatever the court’s verdict would be. He was ready and willing to pay his debt to society.

After being in prison for six months, preparing himself to spend years there, a miracle happened! Usually in cases like Elias’ the company lets the justice system take its course, and the driver has to engage his own attorney. It was a shock when the company hired a lawyer to defend its driver! Not only that, but they also paid compassionate compensation to the bereaved families, in addition to the funeral assistance that had already been given. This had never been done for anyone before. Elias and others could only attribute what happened to God’s intervention.

When Elias’ case came before the judge in court, he was acquitted on legal technicalities and his driving license was restored. Upon his release from prison the last week of February, the company reinstated him on the job. The events were too much to be just coincidental, and Elias straightaway sought Chaplain Joshua and asked him to be his spiritual mentor. Now when Chaplain Joshua prays or preaches either during morning briefings or anywhere else, if Elias is present, he joins as a very willing participant!

HIGHWAY NATIONAL EVENTS & NEWS

How borrowers, sometimes unknowingly, sign away their assets in MCA contracts When Heather Wilson and her husband, co-owners of five-truck Dream Trucking, started taking out tens of thousands of dollars in merchant cash advances, they didn't realize the risks they had taken. Now, "We've lost our house and cars," said Wilson. *June 29, 2020*

Evidence emerges of stricter approach—and confusion—around sleep apnea screening New protocols may be the result of the posting of a draft update to FMCSA's official guidebook for medical examiners and a glitch that may make the draft appear to be complete for some. FMCSA said the draft "does not provide current, official, FMCSA interpretation and guidance to medical screeners." *June 26, 2020*

Rise in marijuana use among truckers expected to continue FMCSA data shows that marijuana is by far the most-used illegal substance among commercial vehicle drivers—a trend that drug testing experts expect to continue. Positive drug tests for marijuana were three times higher than positives for the next-highest drug, which was cocaine. *June 26, 2020*

Struggling small fleets stung by aggressive cash advance lenders Long before the coronavirus shut down much of the economy, MCA providers were attracting small fleets desperate to make ends meet. Says one such fleet, "It has been a horrible fight for the last eight months trying to fight off." *June 22, 2020*

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ON THE HOMEFRONT

The International Office is working on several projects to give our staff in the field resources for their ministry.

1. **First Steps:** a Bible study for new believers in a four-book series with mentor and mentee workbooks.
2. **TFC Global Bible:** a Bible branded specifically for TFC Global with custom pages designed to help the reader study God's Word.
3. **Gospel of John:** A Pocket Testament League partnership with custom branding for TFC Global.
4. **Training Program:**
 - a. Sharing Hope in Crisis: an online course from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association designed to give practical advice for dealing with trauma.
 - b. Eight-hour chaplaincy training course taught at our Chaplaincy Training Institute and our 2020 Staff Conference.
 - c. Forty-hour chaplaincy training course for commissioning and credentialing as a chaplain.



Rambler

Strong Weakness

It was the week after Labor Day in 1965 when I found myself having a pity party on the fifth floor of Moody Bible Institute's Smith Hall, deep in the heart of Chicago. It was the first time this country boy was out on his own. Going from high school senior to college freshman is quite a transition in itself; to make matters worse, I was more used to the sound of cowbells ringing than sirens wailing.

I was not initially accepted into Moody Bible Institute and was resigned to work a year while applying elsewhere. I was surprised when my mother called me at work on a Friday to let me know I had a few hours to decide if I wanted to begin classes at Moody on Monday, because an opening had become available. I had already missed freshman orientation and would be thrown into the thick of classes without that vital preparation. Fear enveloped me.

Soon after school began, I realized that although I had been saying I trusted the Lord and wanted to serve Him, I was really being self-sufficient in my approach to serving God. At the end of my first week of school, I wanted to pack up and call it quits. When I told my mother I was coming home, she assured me that giving school a little more time would change things and that she and Dad would be praying for me.

That evening two special guys on my floor sensed something was amiss and took the time to sit down with me in my room and help me think through and pray about my situation. It was after Sid and Sam left that I began reading my Bible. I don't recall what drew me to 2 Corinthians 12, but verses 9 and 10 struck with deep conviction upon my heart. For the first time I was fully aware of how my self-sufficiency undermined God's power and blessing in my life. Paul was addressing the Christians in Corinth when he wrote, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more

gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

That night those verses became my life verses and set a course for my life that I am reminded of constantly. The lesson is easily forgotten with all the emphasis the world places on "being all you can be" and "you can do anything you set your mind to." Being and doing are fulfilling when done according to God's plan, not my plan.

God desires us to depend on Him for all things, to step out in our weakness and be vessels He can use for His glory. Our problem lies in either denying our strengths

or feeling comfortable with our flaws and limitations. Both are a smack in God's face and are little more than excuses for our disobedience. God wants to use our weaknesses as well as our strengths. Do our weaknesses hinder stepping out for God? Too often we say, "God could never use me." Rick Warren, in his book *The Purpose Driven Life*,

reminds us that "Usually we deny our weaknesses, defend them, excuse them, and resent them." God wants to use them for His glory.

We are not alone—God is with us by the Holy Spirit, and fellow Christians are standing with us. Vance Havner said, "Christians, like snowflakes, are frail, but when they stick together they can stop traffic." Driver, let's acknowledge our weaknesses and go forward together knowing God will be victorious and receive the glory; and Satan will be defeated.

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for His glory.**

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The Best of GREEN ONION



Who You Were Intended to Be

‘Hey, Green Onion,’ said Hog-Caller, “did you know our friend Road Runner is hauling trash out of New Jersey?” “That’s news to me, Hog. So I imagine his new sport is swatting flies at the dump, huh?” “Yeah, Onion, he just told me he killed three male and two female flies.” “Oh, come on, Hog! How can Road Runner tell the difference between a male fly and a female fly?” “He told me the three males were on a beer can in a junk pile and the two females were on a discarded cell phone.”

Misconceptions about the roles of the man and the woman are at the center of much of marriage problems these days. As a result, many people today are like flies on a screen door when it comes to marriage: those on the outside want in and those on the inside want out. Why? Because many of us have forgotten the instructions in our Creator’s Marriage Manual—the Bible.

We have failed to recall that we are fearfully and wonderfully made in God’s image (Psalm 139); we are His masterpiece and artwork, bearing His spiritual resemblance and likeness. The fall of man into sin distorted and marred God’s intention and design until He rescued us from the tragic consequences of our rebellion by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, Who restores us when we receive Him as our Savior and Lord and are born again. The Holy Spirit then puts a new heart and nature in us, in order that we may again reflect God’s original glory and purpose for us as males and females.

The commitment of marriage, of one man and one woman united for life, was part of God’s original purpose, and He has not changed His mind. Marriage unites two sinners saved by His grace, and within its context, God molds and transforms each one to become more like who He planned them to be. The woman becomes less controlling and the man becomes more controlled by taking on his responsibility of being the leader of his home. Both “submit to one another out of reverence for

Christ” (Ephesians 5:21), with the husband loving his wife just like Christ loves His church, and the wife showing a favorable reaction by responding with respect and appreciation because she knows her husband treasures her, protects her, and holds her in high regard as an equal partner under the Lordship of Christ.

Sinful man has tried (and continues to try) to change God’s original design for marriage, and always with disastrous results—none more serious than the impact this has on the children. They are without a doubt the greatest victims, neglected and continually disenfranchised and dysfunctional because they need both a mom and a dad to help them grow spiritually and emotionally. The parents’ roles, as father and mother together as one under God, help to provide the nurturing children so desperately need. Confusion about parental roles is disastrous and a tragedy of our time.

Faithfulness to your marriage vows in these difficult and stormy days is the best test and greatest witness to our children, church and community. When our love is patient and kind, the male becomes more masculine and the female becomes more feminine and both become more and more the persons God intended them to be.

The Apostle Peter wrote, “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (1 Peter 2:24-25).

Green Onion

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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).

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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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