



# HIGHWAY NEWS



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## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### SPIRITUAL BATTLES

You're alone in your rig miles away from family, you work at a local trucking related industry or you own your own company. The pandemic has wreaked havoc in your life, your family's lives or the lives of your employees.

The Bible has the solution to every pandemic. The only way to combat the pandemic of fear is by going back to the basics, the Bible. The "fears and unbelief variant" pandemic is happening in the culture and in the church.

"Fear and unbelief variant" symptoms are a loss of discernment, the acceptance of negative outcomes and compromise without concern.

Loss of discernment is when the difficulties of life cause us to lose our focus. We think more about the storm around us causing us to make quick decisions or we simply make no decisions and just let life happen.

Remember that the early church grew because they committed themselves to the Word of God and the gathering of believers. The early church was a mess in many ways - but they were highly effective. Filled with a motley assortment of Greeks, Jews, and Romans - free men and slaves, wealthy and poor, religious and deviant ... yet they became a unified force because of the life of Jesus and the partaking of the Word.

The "fear and unbelief variant" is actually rooted in Biblical illiteracy. People who don't know the word of God become easy targets for a shifting morality, smothering negativity, and the terror of fear.

Let's for a moment talk about what lies at the heart of the battle we see all around us.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

Christian warfare consists of a spiritual strategy fought with supernatural weapons against an unseen enemy. The opposition is real but not visible to the naked eye. Beneath the surface, an invisible spiritual battle is raging. We fight this war not with tangible weapons like guns and ammunition, nor with bodily defenses such as kicks and punches, but by daily putting on the whole armor of God, always praying, standing firm in the Word of God, and staying alert. Ephesians 6:13-18.

We all have an innate sense that there is more than what the eye can see. However, since we do not see it, we often fail to believe in it. If we do not believe in it, then we cannot be aware of all that is going on, for and against us. Whether we choose to believe in the existence of spiritual beings and places does not change the fact of their existence and their activities. Let's step back a minute to assess what we do believe. As Christians, it took faith to believe in Jesus Christ. We cannot see Him but we believe that He died on the cross for our sins. We believe that God raised Him from the dead and we believe that He alone is the source of our eternal salvation.

All those beliefs are not physically seen by us today. We believe Jesus accomplished these things in the spiritual realm when He lived in the physical realm on earth. We know that we, too, need to believe in this physical realm to be welcomed into His spiritual realm. Thus, it is faith that confirms to our hearts that we will be going to a very real place called heaven someday. The Bible is filled with references to the heavenly realm or a place that is invisible to our eyes physically today, yet very real in its existence. We believe with the eyes of our heart, instead of with the eyes in our head. 2 Corinthians 4:18 tells us "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."







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# Trucking with Women in Mind

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

*The way we spend our time defines who we are.*

*Jonathan Estrin*

With the start of a new year, many of us make new year's resolutions with the goal to improve something in our lives. Maybe you want to lose a few pounds or get more exercise. Those are the two top goals people set for the coming year. Other resolutions include getting organized, learning a skill or hobby, quitting smoking, spending more time with family friends, traveling, or reading more and spending less money. Those are all great goals, and if you are planning on making positive changes in your life, then make a New Year's resolution.

One study found only 19 percent of people who made these promises to themselves were successful. However, if you don't turn your goal into a resolution, the odds are only 4 percent that you'll succeed.

Before you make any changes in your life, you must find the time to adapt to your resolution. Don't ever complain about NOT having the time, as everyone gets 24 hours in a day, and YOU choose how you spend those precious minutes. You are the person who prioritizes your activities.

We're not very good at time management, as much of our day is spent on activities that have little or no value (Netflix anyone?) If you are going to make a New Year's resolution that lasts, you must make it a priority.

A recent Forbes article gave the following tips for keeping your new goals:

First, make the goal actionable, and measurable. For example, instead of saying you'll get "more exercise," just state it as, "I'll walk two miles five times a week." That way, when you DO accomplish the daily goal, you will feel a sense of accomplishment and that will motivate you to continue.

A second tip is to be reasonable. Don't decide to walk ten miles every day. It won't happen and when you miss a day, you'll be more inclined to just skip others because you've already "failed" in your resolution. One article challenges the reader to mentally prepare for the task and to set a goal that motivates you. Don't make big or quick changes but build on smaller steps and allow room for error. Can you break a big goal into smaller goals? Make sure the activity is something YOU want to change, not something someone else thinks you should be doing. Does it align with your priorities or personal or career aspirations? You can't be motivated if you're not convinced you want to make the change for yourself.

We all know we should write down our resolutions, because if it isn't in writing, it doesn't exist. Use a stickie note on your bathroom mirror or send yourself an email. Make it a reminder to keep it always on your mind.

Share your goals with others who can help keep you accountable. Go ahead, post it on Facebook and document your progress. Your friends will support you and encourage you and celebrate your successes along the way.

None of us are perfect and we all stray from our chosen path, so when you get off track, just consider it a tiny setback and keep moving forward. You're not a failure unless you quit, so get back in that saddle and stick to your goals.

The most important tip for keeping your New Year's resolution is to make it a priority. You need to block off time or it won't happen. Put it in your calendar. Are you someone who likes to work out in the morning or after work? Whether you are in a truck or an office, you need to determine that you are going to cut out those calories or take those steps. Anticipate the time you'll need and include it in your daily planning.

Remember, we all get the same amount of time each day, but YOU decide how you'll spend it on yourself. Will you be watching Netflix or talking a walk? Good luck on your 2022 resolutions. You can be one of the successful ones!



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# Walk the Walk

By Mike McGough

## Caring for God's Temple

**1 Corinthians 3:16-17 – You realize, don't you, that you are the temple of God, and God Himself is present in you? No one will get by with vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred -- and you, remember, are the temple. MSG**

As a child he had made a commitment to Christ, and he tried to live his life to honor that commitment. Right out of high school, he became a driver. He loved his job. In his early forties, he still knew he had made the right career choice. His plan was to stick with it. His last medical checkup was okay, but his doctor suggested some diet and life-style changes. His first impulse was to ignore her. He told himself, "She's never been a driver. Who is she to tell me how to live my life?"

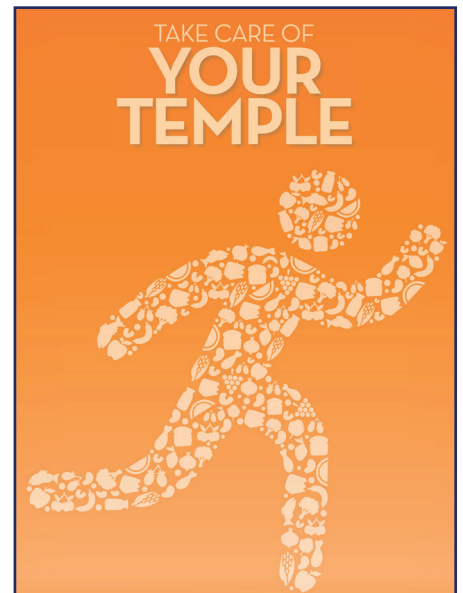
On his next stop at the diner where he ate lunch most days, he noticed a small sign in the back of the parking lot pointing the direction to the hiking trail. It was a late fall day, the sky was clear, so he took a walk. It was quiet and peaceful. When he finished, he was a bit winded, but he felt good, really good. The exercise, some quiet time, and a new venue for his daily prayers had refreshed him. Without really intending to do so, he had actually done part of what his doctor had suggested. When he went into the restaurant, he decided to also take her advice and order a healthier meal. One day of exercise and one healthier meal, wasn't going to make any real change in his life, but it was definitely a start.

Over the next few weeks, his walks became more frequent, and healthier meal options became a habit. At the end of a month, he noticed a difference. He had taken off almost ten pounds. He felt good about that. He shared what he was doing with several other drivers. Some paid him little attention, but a few decided to join him.

Over time they developed their own unique ministry. It was an informal effort, but a good one. Their focus was simple. As children of God, they were working toward taking better care of themselves. Their ministry was to awaken a similar desire throughout the trucking community. They started slowly, and they started small. Driver by driver and day by day, they went about their work. They are committed to the belief that every life is a blessing from God, and it should be cared for and cherished. Over a number of years, they have brought many to the light of caring for God's Temples.

As a living temple of the Lord and His mercies, appreciate and care for the whole you!

*Walk the Walk: A Daily Guide to a More Christlike Life is the daily devotional guide from which the New Testament passage that inspired this article is drawn. Copies of that devotional are available at: [Leadershipmrm.com](http://Leadershipmrm.com) under the Books/Publications tab.*







## TFC GLOBAL: UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 19: Lancaster Chapter Prayer Breakfast, New Holland, Pennsylvania**

**March 12: Partner Appreciation, Marietta, Pennsylvania**

**March 24-26: Mid-Atlantic Truck Show, Louisville, Kentucky**

**April 22-24: Gateway To Freedom Intensive, Tuscarora, Pennsylvania**

**May 21: TruckersLife Foundation Golf Benefit, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania**

*For more information on any of these events, email [info@tfcglobal.org](mailto:info@tfcglobal.org) or call 717-426-9977.*



## NATIONAL HIGHWAY NEWS & EVENTS

- The Supreme Court of the United States has scheduled a special session to discuss the vaccine and test mandates for large-employee-count businesses. A coalition of states and an alliance of business groups have filed legal briefs in preparation for this hearing. *January 2022*
- The electric vehicle industry is facing continued challenges from misunderstood pricing as well as cost for operation and length of that operation. *January 2022*
- Kwik Trip has doubled the number of its stores in 8 years from 400 to 800. The 800th store opened in Holmes, Wisconsin in December. The location features a store and car wash with regular gas and diesel fueling lanes. *January 2022*

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# ***COMMON TRUCKING COMMUNITY ISSUES***







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- Regional Local Church Partnerships
- TruckersLife Foundation for Urgent Driver and Family Needs

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# TruckStruck

By Lynn Bolster

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PIER RAT

There's been a lot of talk lately about supply chain issues and ships waiting to unload at the piers. Well now, they know how it feels to actually work the piers as a trucker. We ran the Baltimore piers for many years, off and on, and might I say, the majority of the time was spent waiting. They used to call us 'pier rats' because of all the running around, back and forth, here and there that is required in this line of trucking. Here is a typical day in the life:

1. Line to get into the pier is 15 trucks long? - wait
2. Paperwork not released through customs? – wait
3. Drivers must use a specific chassis for the shipping line they are pulling for - none available? – wait
4. We got our chassis now we need to find our container and it's at the bottom of the pile and we need the stevedore with the top loader to get it out? – wait
5. We found the stevedore with the top loader but it's lunch time and they are union? – wait
6. We got our box of frozen food cargo and it needs USDA approval before exiting? Off to their shed - wait
7. Get in line for exit gate inspection – wait
8. Get inspected and they found what? A flat tire? Go to the chassis repair shed to get it fixed and there are 2 ahead of us? – wait
9. Finally ready to go and box must go through the x-ray machine before leaving – wait
10. We finally leave but know there will be another wait when we go to the customer to unload.

It felt like we would never pass GO and collect \$200!

If you are owner/operators like we were, you most likely aren't receiving an hourly rate, you get paid by the load so it is vital to calculate into your rate an entire day of hurry up and wait. And to be honest, it never really paid what it should have. But on occasion there might be one such customer who paid a premium to have their overseas goodies delivered and he was the "China Man." Now, I am not using that term in a derogatory way, that is what he called himself. He ran an imported goods shop in the Maryland suburbs. When he called, we all fought over who would get the load. If you were fortunate enough to be selected, the waiting didn't hurt as much. We arrived about 4:00 pm with a 20 foot container requiring the dreaded hand-unload. We backed up to the door and began off-loading the freight with help from the

"China Man" and his associates. It always struck us as odd that when we reached half-way through the trailer, he would call for a break. He was very polite, offering us a soda and snack while he and his helpers continued. He was a bit adamant about us taking the break and we wondered why he was so determined to have us stop working. So we peeked through the crack in the break room door. There would be lots of chatter, which we didn't understand, but all chatter ceased when they got to the middle and found the box. Now I don't know what was in that box but our imaginations ran wild as to the contents. We tried to guess but alas, we never found out because once the box was retrieved, it was raced back to the office, out of sight to all. When we returned, everyone was in a great mood and eager to finish up. We were glad to get out of there as well, especially if the box contained anything illegal, we didn't want to be guilty by association since we were the ones who brought it there.

I am sure you can guess what happens next. Yep, the next day, off to the piers to turn in the container and chassis retracing the previous days' steps in reverse and living another day waiting.

So I guess life really is all about waiting. Waiting to live, waiting to die, waiting for the 'big one', the lottery win, the dream job or person, the box in the middle that will save us and make all things right. No matter what you are wanting or praying for, God hears you and if it seems like He is not answering, maybe you aren't ready for it yet, you have to go through the waiting stage. Pastor Charles Stanley says "our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on what we're waiting for." True when pondering life but harder to accept while we are running around like rats then waiting – once again - for our paycheck from the broker!

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# TruckStruck

By Lynn Bolster

## UN DIA EN LA VIDA DE UNA RATA DE MUELLE

Últimamente se ha hablado mucho sobre los problemas de la cadena de suministro y los barcos que esperan para descargar en los muelles. Bueno, ahora saben cómo se siente trabajar en los muelles como camionero. Operamos los muelles de Baltimore durante muchos años y podría decir que la mayor parte del tiempo lo pasamos esperando. Solían llamarnos "ratas del muelle" debido a todo el correr de un lado a otro, aquí y allá, lo que se requiere en esta línea de transporte. Este es un día típico en la vida:

1. ¿La cola para entrar al muelle tiene 15 camiones delante? - espera
2. ¿Papeleo no despachado por la aduana? - espera
3. Los conductores deben usar un chasis específico para la línea transportista para la que están tirando. ¿No hay ninguno disponible? - espera
4. Tenemos nuestro chasis ahora necesitamos encontrar nuestro contenedor y está en la parte inferior de la pila y necesitamos al estibador con el cargador superior para sacarlo - espera
5. ¿Encontramos el estibador con el cargador superior pero es la hora del almuerzo y están sindicalizados? - espera
6. ¿Tenemos nuestra caja de carga de alimentos congelados y necesitamos la aprobación del USDA antes de salir? A su cobertizo - espera
7. Haga fila para la inspección de la puerta de salida – espere
8. ¿Se lo inspeccionaron y encontraron qué? ¿Una rueda pinchada? ¿Ir al taller de reparación del chasis para que lo arreglen y nos quedan 2 por delante? - espera
9. Finalmente listo para salir y la caja debe pasar por la máquina de rayos X antes de salir - espere
10. Por fin nos vamos, pero sabemos que habrá otra espera cuando vayamos al cliente a descargar.

¡Parecía que nunca pasaremos de GO y cobraremos los \$200!

Si usted es propietario/operador como nosotros, lo más probable es que no reciba una tarifa por hora, sino le pagan por carga, por lo cual es vital calcular en su tarifa un día completo de espera. Y para ser honesto, nunca pagó lo que debería haber pagado. Pero, en ocasiones, podía haber uno de esos clientes que pagaba una prima para que le entregaran sus productos del extranjero y era el Hombre de China. Mira, no estoy usando ese término de una manera despectiva, así es como él se llamaba a sí mismo. Dirigía una tienda de productos importados en los suburbios de Maryland. Cuando llamó, todos peleamos por quién se quedaría con la carga. Si tuvo la suerte de ser seleccionado, la espera no dolió tanto. Llegamos alrededor de las 4 de la tarde con un contenedor de 20 pies que requería la temida descarga manual. Retrocedimos hasta la puerta y comenzamos a descargar la carga con la ayuda del Hombre de China y sus asociados.

Siempre nos pareció extraño que cuando llegamos a la mitad del tráiler, nos diera un descanso. Fue muy educado y nos ofreció un refresco y un bocadillo mientras él y sus ayudantes continuaban. Insistió que nos tomáramos el descanso y nos preguntamos por qué estaba tan decidido a que dejáramos de trabajar. Así que nos asomamos por la rendija de la puerta de la sala de descanso. Habría mucha charla, que no entendíamos, pero toda charla cesó cuando llegaron al punto medio y encontraron la caja. Ahora no sé qué había en esa caja, pero nuestra imaginación se desbordó en cuanto al contenido. Drogas? ¿Dinero? ¿Imitaciones ilegales? ¿Lingotes de oro? Intentamos adivinar, pero, por desgracia, nunca lo supimos porque una vez que se recuperó la caja, se la llevó rápidamente a la oficina, fuera de la vista de todos. Cuando regresamos, todos estaban de muy buen humor y ansiosos por terminar. También nos alegramos de salir de allí, especialmente si la caja contenía algo ilegal. No queríamos ser culpables por asociación ya que fuimos nosotros quienes lo trajimos allí.

Estoy seguro de que puedes adivinar lo que sucede a continuación. Sí, al día siguiente, nos dirigimos a los muelles para entregar el contenedor y el chasis, haciendo los pasos de los días anteriores al revés y viviendo otro día esperando.

Así que supongo que la vida realmente se trata de esperar. Esperando vivir, esperando morir, esperando el "bote", el premio de la lotería, el trabajo o la persona soñada, la caja en el medio que nos salvará y hará que todo salga bien. No importa lo que esté deseando o por lo que esté orando, Dios lo escucha y si parece que no está respondiendo, tal vez aún no esté listo para eso. Debe pasar por la etapa de espera. El pastor Charles Stanley dice que "nuestra disposición a esperar revela el valor que le damos a lo que estamos esperando". Es cierto cuando reflexionamos sobre la vida, pero es más difícil de aceptar mientras corremos como ratas y luego esperamos, una vez más, nuestro cheque de pago del corredor.



# Building Faith Families

By Steve Demme

## A GOOD PLACE TO BEAR FRUIT

My last in-person conference of 2021 was an Iron Sharpens Iron men's event two weeks ago in Syracuse, NY. It is always a privilege to talk with men about being a servant leader in their home. Since this is the last event of the season, I have been reflecting on the past year. Throughout the year I have attended many conventions, some in-person another's online, and am always blessed and edified interacting with families who share God-centered values and a like precious faith in Jesus. Regardless of which talk I have been asked to present, I set aside a portion of the session to address how my relationship with God determines and impacts my relationship with my wife, children, and grandchildren.

Up until the last ten years, whenever I spoke on building a family of faith I would point to passages of Scripture which had impacted me in seeking to be a godly husband and faithful dad. However my message has changed. Now whether I am teaching at a conference, writing a newsletter, or recording a podcast, I make it a point to share the good news of God's love for His adopted children. God knows us completely, loved us when we were sinners, pursued us, and sent His Son to die for us. When we trust in Christ, He cleanses us, clothes us, and adopts us into His family.

My relationship with God changed in 2012 when my Heavenly Dad brought me into a new season of abiding in His love. Knowing that God loves and likes me for who I am and not based on what I do or how I perform has helped me to rest in Him. When I am resting and abiding, instead of feverishly remaining busy and active, I am kinder, more thoughtful, and safe. As I reflect back over these years I could never have foreseen how He would lead me to this good place. However I know that I would not have arrived in this place of abiding without the input and support of my wife and the ongoing ministry of the good Holy Spirit. I would like to spend a little more time explaining what each of these components mean to me.

From the time we were married and God gave us children, I have wanted to be a godly husband and faithful father. I studied the Bible for insights, attended seminars, read books and made this a top priority. Sandi and I developed the habit of having regular times of family worship, homeschooled our children, and sought to be family centric. We did life together as a family. While going through deep waters



nine years ago, I heard from my family that while they never doubted my love for them or my desire to serve and bless them, I had also hurt them. As the head of the home, I have been given authority to build them up, but sadly I had misused my position and also wounded them. I learned some big lessons. The first was that no one had the potential to build up my loved ones as I did, and no one had the ability to tear them down like me. I also learned that if I could create a safe place to listen to them, they could help me in being a better husband and father.

At the same time that I was learning these hard realities, God was also revealing how much He loved and cared for me. When I first heard the gospel as a teen, I loved hearing that "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) I believed those words and responded by receiving Jesus as my Savior. However over the years, a distance had entered into my relationship with God and I struggled to believe that God still smiled when He saw me or that He enjoyed my presence. I had no difficulty believing that He loved and cared for others, but felt like I was sitting in the back of the room and God was graciously allowing me to be there, but didn't really like me very much.

*to be continued in the March issue...*



# Listen UP:

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# TECHNOLOGY'S DANGERS & SNARES

By Brad Huddleston

As followers of Christ, navigating our way through a world of evil can be tricky at best and devastating at worst. However, I find that those who have gone before us were much more honest about the situation than most Western Christians in the modern age. Take the hymn writer John Newton for example. In 1779, his Christian anthem *Amazing Grace* was published, (1) and I want to draw your attention to verse 3:

***Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.***

I am reminded of several verses from the Bible when I read that first line of verse 3:

Acts 14:22, "we must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God." KJV

Now there's a verse you will rarely, if ever, hear an American televangelist mention. Nevertheless, that verse is pure truth and will not be done away with by God because we are not "comfortable" with it. Here's another troubling verse that does come with comforting promises:

Psalms 91:3, "Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence." NIV

Nowhere in this verse are we promised exemption from Satan's traps or deadly plagues and pandemics. Instead, we have the reward of eternal life that helps us stay faithful. (Matthew 24:13). In the context of this article, we are equipping ourselves to deal with the dangers, toils, and snares that Satan throws at us when we use technology. It's so easy to say something trivial like, "Technology is just a tool," as if we just solved our porn, video game, and social media bingeing problem by saying something positive about technology. But, no, it will be through much honesty, humiliation, tribulation, and grace that we will overcome these modern issues.

Yes, technology has the potential to be used as a positive tool. Still, year after year, when I examine the statistics of Christians who regularly engage in pornography, illicit social media use, binge-watching Netflix, bingeing on video games, etc., I rarely find it a positive tool to rejoice over.

In the history of the church, there have been many and consistent efforts to stamp out compromising behavior using physical, ideological, and political persecution. Unfortunately, those types of persecutions continue today, with the added threat of literal addition through the overuse and misuse of our digital devices. None of these tools of Satan will ultimately succeed, but numerous people will be lost.

Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." NIV

For those few who will do whatever it takes to follow Christ at all costs, and that included doing whatever it takes to handle technology with extreme holiness, John Newton has some encouragement for you with verse 4 of *Amazing Grace*:

***The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures. (2)***

The next time you reach for your phone, I hope this song gets stuck in your head.

(1) "Amazing Grace." *Amazing Grace* > Lyrics | John Newton. Accessed December 28, 2021. [https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/Amazing\\_Grace/](https://library.timelesstruths.org/music/Amazing_Grace/).





When I had decided to become a truck driver, I knew two things for sure.

First, I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that this is what I wanted to do. I had worked a lot of jobs in retail, the food industry and so on, that required working in close proximity with others, putting on a happy face and my introverted self was pretty tired of that. I had gotten my first taste of working alone when I got a job delivering for a major parcel service. My first day solo I was in awe of the freedom I felt leaving the dock and pressing play on a podcast. After a few years of that job, I began thinking about what it would be like to do a similar thing but on a bigger scale. My dad had been driving tractor trailer for about five years at this point and would often recommend that I go get my CDL. It always seemed incredibly daunting, but the more thought I put into it, the more attainable it felt. Finally, after being married for two years, I took the leap. All of a sudden, I was going to be making more money while making fewer stops, but there was a catch.

The second thing I knew when I was making the transition into trucking was that, unfortunately, undoubtedly, and almost totally unavoidably, I wouldn't be spending as much time at home with my wife and future children. I had seen enough of my dad's life to understand this was different than a typical 9-5 job. But he loved it. I also knew how important time and family were to him, so I trusted that it wouldn't be the worst career path...right?

Thankfully, my wife understood my commercial license, I would be going over the road five or six of miles away from home, at a job where I could be home our estimation, from start to board. She supported me with told her right at the start that at home enough, I would find tell me if it's too much for our



That first year was hard in a had our first child, which was and excitement, but I was also miss big moments? Would I be a

this would be different. She knew once I got probably have to take a job that required days at a time and constantly be hundreds least, until I got enough experience to have every day. It would take about a year by finish, to get to that point. But she was on her willingness. But it wasn't one-sided; I if it was too hard or if she didn't think I was something else. I asked her often, "Will you family?" She always agreed.

lot of ways. About half way through, we such a blessing and a great reason for joy scared. Would I be there enough? Would I stranger to her?

This is where God began to bless us in a big way concerning my fears. First of all, I got an entire month off to be there for her birth. Secondly, out of nowhere, my dispatcher asked if I wanted to join a contract of 10 drivers to deliver groceries locally. I'd be home most nights! Never in my wildest dreams did I think that was possible within my first year, but 5 months in, my expectations and fears were being shattered.

After my one year with the first company, I did what I had ultimately set out to do and began working at a second company; the same one as my dad. The pay was better, the people in the office were nicer, and the commute was shorter. I found I could set my own start time. I could be home before midnight if I wanted. I could spend more time in the morning with my family if I wanted. No week had to be the same and that flexibility is something I'm not taking for granted.

Through the patience of my wife and the blessing of God, I'm now in a place where I don't dread going to work every day, I can give my family the time they need while also taking care of them financially. Sometimes, to get to where you want to be, you have to spend some time pushing through some less convenient circumstances. But take it from me, it's worth it.



## MEDIOCRITY REAPS NO REWARDS

I have observed a lot of truck drivers during my trucking career. With both empathy and agony, I have listened to their tales of woe at the truck stops, lunch counters, and driver lounges all across this great country.

Can I speak plainly with you? Most truck drivers are unhappy. They feel maligned, mistreated, and just plain disrespected. For most of them, the rewards received are not worth the risks and sacrifices required to perform the job. I have never fallen into that camp, and I am convinced there's an excellent reason. We'll get to that in a moment.

Let me also clarify that when I was a rookie driver, I listened to other drivers complaints and would often feel myself being lured into their unfortunate outlook on this career. It seemed everything they said resonated with me in some form or fashion. After all, who really wants to be away from their families for weeks at a time? Is it really a nomadic dream life to sleep in a truck each night?

I knew the frustrations of just trying to find some place to park at ten o'clock at night, and yes, I found those things very frustrating myself.

I still remember this time I was tarping a load of steel at about midnight. I noticed the driver next to me, who had picked up his load before me. He was putting a tarp on his load and he looked completely dejected with his feet dragging and his shoulders hung low.

I still remember him raising his voice to speak to me. "This job sucks the life out of you!" he declared. He said it with authority, as if I should clearly know this and agree with his assessment. The absurdity of his statement struck me hard. I was quite happy to be there at midnight.

The coolness of the evening was refreshing to me as I labored away at my chosen profession. As I was stretching my tarps tight, I was excitedly running calculations in my head about how I would use the split sleeper berth provision to deliver my load early. That way I would be available for a very nice load early on Friday. I knew once it all came together I would put an additional \$400 on my paycheck that week.

Your outlook has a profound effect on your outcome. The driver convinced, "This job sucks the life out of you!" will be plagued with poor results. His paychecks will always seem insufficient, his efforts will invariably be extremely laborious, and his satisfaction with his job will be nonexistent.

I have always felt it very important that people should find satisfaction and fulfillment in their occupation. It doesn't matter to me if you are a simple laborer pushing a wheelbarrow through a muddy construction site. If you are determined to be the master of the wheelbarrow, you will find yourself quite happy with your results.

You will not have a fulfilling career if it makes you miserable. Your misery blinds you to the possibilities that lie waiting for you to capitalize on them.

*Part 2 from this driver's blog will be in our March issue.*





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If you were to die today, where would you spend eternity? You can know for sure.

- A. Admit you are a sinner. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).*
- B. Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life. *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*
- C. Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and turn from your sins. *"if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).*

To give your life to Christ, pray the prayer below.

*"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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