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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Do You Really Know What You Believe?

What you do and how you live are absolutely vital. Without action and fruit, all the theology in the world has little meaning. But theology (the study of religious faith, practice and experience, the study of God and God's relation to the world, a system of religious beliefs or ideas) is still important. What you believe absolutely determines how you act. So while good theology at its best can lead us to live godly lives, bad theology will always point us in the wrong direction.

I've heard it said that being a Christian in America may in fact be more difficult than any other nation in the world. At first, I wondered if that were really true. We have freedom of religion in this country, at least for now, so how could it possibly be more difficult to be a Christian? What about the countries where Christians are martyred for their faith in Jesus? Couldn't it be said that they have it harder than we do as Americans?

On the surface, yes. We in the United States have had the freedom to worship God as we choose, something we have taken for granted. On the other hand, we also have a lot of outside sources that are constantly competing against our faith in God. As a culture, we've become desensitized to sin and its consequences. Even within the church, outright sin has become acceptable, and simple obedience to God has morphed into legalism. When did it become legalistic to obey God?

We've become numb to sin, but I'm beginning to wonder if our American culture has become completely desensitized to the things of God as well. We are exposed daily to Christian radio stations, churches, pastors, posts on social media, etc. Most of us can say that we have not one, but multiple Bibles in our homes. Are we broken-hearted for the lost? Are we rejoicing when the lost are found? Do we come before God with awe in our hearts?

With a heavy heart, I must admit that I have gone to church, sang songs of worship, listened to a sermon, and left feeling absolutely nothing about what I had just encountered.

It's so easy to access the Bible and His truth that it has nearly grown into something cliché. We don't have to work for it, so we don't. Many of us have become complacent and lazy in our faith. We may not be dying for our faith in this country, not yet anyway, but we certainly aren't living out our faith either... at least not with passion and intensity.

It's time to wake up!

It's time to **STAND FULLY ALIVE** in our faith. And it's time to be **OBEDIENT** to God in all that we do, even when it's not the "EASY" thing to do. Let's stop living for our own happiness, and start living a life that glorifies God, not man!

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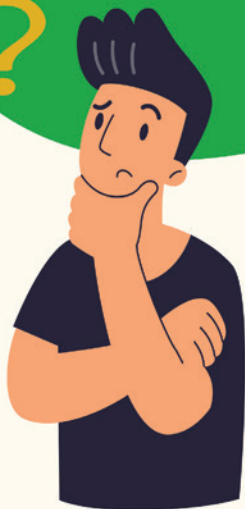
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Adriaan Fourie and his wife Malina, from Southern Africa Trucking Ministry, our African ministry director, featured this truck-stop location in their Facebook post where drivers are in need of a caring heart and encouragement. Contact Adriaan on WhatsApp at +27 82 959 8005 for more information.

Christian Faith Communities in WORCESTER (WC)
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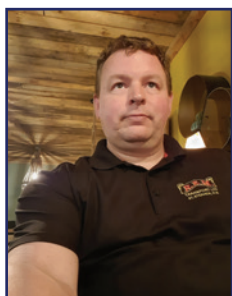
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Igor Smits continues to work on getting ministry opportunities set up for providing chaplaincy services in his area of the Netherlands. He desires to take our Chaplaincy Training Institute course to focus his passion for the trucking community.



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TruckStruck

LYNN BOLSTER

CROSS THAT BRIDGE

So who out there likes driving across bridges – show of hands? I know, right? Bridges are a necessary part of life, especially in trucking, but absolutely intimidating! When driving a semi, not only is the center of gravity elevated, you are sitting in an air seat way up above other vehicles so when crossing a bridge it can feel like you're flying an airplane!

Take for instance the Key Bridge in Baltimore Maryland. The crosswinds on any bridge can be wicked but this bridge is a doozie. We were pulling an empty high cube container out of the piers one very windy day. High cubes are only about a foot higher than a regular box but when the wind catches it, especially empty, it feels like you will be over the guardrail pronto. This bridge is often closed to truck traffic when the winds are super high. Or as Merle Haggard sang 'it takes a steady hand to pull the load behind.' So true!

Next up for a spine-tingling crossing is the Chesapeake Bay Bridge in Maryland. There is actually an escort service available for car drivers that are petrified to cross it themselves. Truckers don't have this luxury so nothin' to it but to do it! When I have driven the Bay Bridge there is a point once you have passed the initial 'climb' and are entering the elevation stage where, for a split second, the bridge disappears beneath you and it appears you will drive off the edge directly into the bay. If I can make it past that point, I am fine, but my spidey senses know it is coming as my heart beats out of my chest in anticipation.

Crossing any bridge in fog is risky business. When I was learning to drive a truck, I was crossing the Conowingo Bridge in Maryland in the fog. I didn't want to overdrive my vision, but it appeared like I had no headlights on as I kept a white-knuckle grip on that wheel. I drove so slow that the pace was like a herd of turtles. I kept my eye pinned on that side edge line knowing one false move would indeed throw me into the drink. And that is actually what the experts tell you to do, keep your eye on that side line. When crossing a bridge, you aren't there to sightsee. You are there to cross and that is it. It is still a road, and we drive roads all the time. It's just that it is up in the air.

When I was working out of Steelton, Pennsylvania, I had to cross the Susquehanna River Bridge. Crosswinds rocked me back and forth daily. Repeating the words that I am positive were directly from God:

"I've got you," is what kept me centered. I have learned that God will not put you in a job without giving you the skills to do it, so rely on Him I did.

One night about 2 a.m., Bill and I were lost looking for a lumber yard in North Carolina. Our load of lumber was due in a few hours, overweight and how we got turned around, who knows. No GPS back then, just good old maps and a compass. All of a sudden we were facing the ricketiest bridge we'd ever seen. It put you in the mind of a rope bridge, and it was pretty long too. In the pitch black of night we stared at each other and realized we had to cross it, there was no backing out of the winding road we had just traversed getting there. This experience reminded me of the saying: "well, well, well if it isn't the bridge I said I'd cross when I came to it!" We came to it alright, our fate was in the crossing. Bill, gambler that he was, decided he was going for it and put old Kenworth in gear. Weighing my options, being too chicken to sit through the trip, I jumped out and walked across, meeting him on the other side. I could barely see my steps in the headlight's glow as I gingerly made my way over. He gave her some fuel and crept across, with boards creaking and cracking all the way. Bystander that I was, I knew there would be nothing I could do if it collapsed beneath him. Thankfully the crossing was a success, and we were off to the sawmill.

Some bridges in life are like that. Rickety and scary while others are strong and sturdy. Crossing is a chance you take, but there are times when risk is necessary and worth it. Sometimes there is light from burning a bridge. Often mistakes can be the bridge between inexperience and wisdom. But the most important bridge is our faith because it is the one between ourselves and God.

Lynn Bolster loves anything to do with trucks and has been active in the trucking industry since the 1980s. She drove over the road for 12 years with her now deceased partner of 22 years, Bill. She has her Bachelor's degree in Journalism and a Master's degree in Recreational and Leisure Studies Management with a focus on health and fitness. Her Master's thesis was: "The Recreational Pursuits and Health Habits of Long Distance Truckers." She has appeared in The Washington Post, USA Today and has written for various trucking industry publications. She was the sales manager covering three truck stops for several years. Lynn is on the Board of Directors for TFC Global.



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DIVINE DISPATCH

By: Paul Marhoefer
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I've been working for the trucking outfit I'm with for twelve years. We don't have the fastest trucks on the road, but you don't have to worry about your check clearing the bank. Things run pretty seamlessly over here. We run dedicated lanes mostly, with ninety percent of our freight going to repeat customers. Still, every now and then, I find myself wondering what it would be like to cut a new trail, take a load to somewhere different, maybe break up the monotony a little. Well, I got my chance to do just that the week before Christmas, when I was dispatched to Early County, Georgia with half a tractor-trailer load of relief items bound for Jason Mulenkamp of the Glenmary Home Missioners.

Jason, the son of an Ohio trucker, gave spot-on directions - left on route 62, to the town of Blakely, go right on Church Street. Look for the strip mall on the left across from the Dollar General. As I wheeled into the strip mall, there was Brother Jason with an impressive crew of volunteers. "I have specific orders that you are not to unload this truck. We've got this," he said with a grin. "I



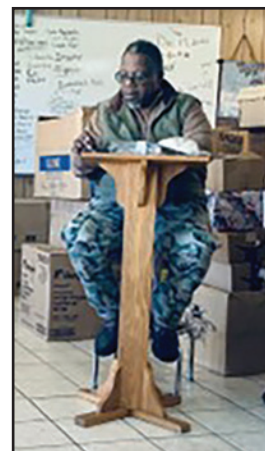
volunteered in 2008", the missionary explained. "I felt God calling me to do this [full time]. I've learned a lot. I still learn a lot every day. How to be grateful for the little things. We're called home missionaries because we minister here [in the US]. Most of our work is in Appalachia."

Founded during The Great Depression, the Glenmary Home Missioners is a Catholic organization which works with other denominations in serving the unchurched and the poor, mainly in the South. "We run a couple transient shelters", Muhlenkamp continued. "A lot of work around here is seasonal. You've got the cotton gins, the peanut crop." One of the least populous counties in Georgia, with a land mass of 516 square miles and a total population of just 11,000 people, Early County, with its dependence on seasonal agricultural work, has a per capita income of \$25,929, less than half the national average of \$65,423.

"There's still a lot of crack cocaine around here. And meth. That's a terrible drug. One guy came (walking) to our office pulling a little red wagon. Said he was going to Tallahassee. That's about eighty miles from here. We helped him get clean, then he relapsed. Last I heard, he was clean again," he recounted.

Later, when the unloading was completed, the mission held a Bible study in an old store front which served as a type of church and warehouse. The room was interdenominational, interracial, and highly interactive. It was led by a Baptist minister named Brother Darrell, who would read a scripture, then kick it around the room. Real people with real problems were weighing in. People battling addictions, turmoil at work, depression. Somehow, I felt right at home there. I decided to stay for a few extra minutes, e-logs or not. I hadn't been to a service like that in a long time. It did me good.

Later, when I decided to write about this very special group of volunteers for Movin' Out, I did some research on Early County, Georgia. Turns out the county has a deeply troubled racial past, and was the subject of the 2019 documentary, "Fair Game, Surviving a 1960 Georgia Lynching." In the documentary an unnamed Christian missionary was credited with helping to save the life of



a twenty-four year-old Navy vet, James Fair Jr., a black man who was falsely accused of rape and murder, tried without the benefit of an attorney, jury, or phone call, and sentenced to the electric chair, all in the span of three days after he was arrested. Yet there was this Christian missionary who handed James Fair Jr. a Bible and a pen in his jail cell and whispered "Write down your mother's phone number." The mother, who resided in Bayonne, New Jersey, was completely unaware of her son's predicament. She sprang into action, enlisting the help of many, to eventually overturn the conviction.

Today we live in an era of great political and racial division. Yet, there, in the storefront of a small town in southwest Georgia, was Brother Darrell, Brother Jason, and about twenty other people of different races and creeds discussing the parables of the Bible, applying the truths of Scripture to the brokenness of their lives. America could learn a lot from the Brother Jasons and Brother Darrells of the world.

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REACHING THE TIPPING POINT

An obvious, but critical aspect of life is that positive changes rarely, if ever just happen. It would be nice if they did. Like I would love to wake up one day to realize that my body simply morphed overnight to be more toned and muscular. Unfortunately, positive changes do not work like that. Positive changes take intentional disciplined actions. They take effort. Negative changes on the other hand don't require much effort at all. For instance, for my body to get weaker and less flexible and durable, requires little to no effort on my part. I don't have to "train myself" to not work out. What about in the area of finances? Does it take intentional disciplined actions to maintain a healthy balance sheet or does it just happen? The truth as many people have discovered is that it's much easier to get in debt, than it is to get out of it.

The good news about positive change is that even though initially it can be very hard, the more we keep at it, the less difficult it becomes. For example, it might be really hard to start an exercise routine, but the more a person sticks with it, the more likely they are to get to a point where the new change becomes the norm. Sticking with it becomes second nature. The phrase for this is reaching a "tipping point." A tipping point is when "a series of small changes or incidents becomes significant enough to cause a larger, more important change." If a person starts saving a little bit of money at a time, over a period of time, they will eventually reach a tipping point, in which they enter a new financial bracket.

So what does this have to do with the fight against sex trafficking in the world? Hopefully the analogy is self-evident. Sex trafficking isn't going to just end, because positive change doesn't just happen. It requires intentional disciplined actions. Like achieving physical or financial health it takes effort. It requires local communities coming together and taking the necessary steps to eradicate it. Whereas this can seem really difficult at first, the more local communities continue to make the necessary small changes, the fight against sex trafficking will also hit a tipping point. Therefore, please do not underestimate how important you are to the fight against sex trafficking. The more small steps you take to help end it makes a big difference, because it helps us get one step closer to reaching the tipping point. To learn more what you can do to make a difference in the fight against sex trafficking contact the Gateway to Freedom Foundation at gateway@tfcglobal.org or call 717-426-9977.

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THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION -- EVER

I remember a West Virginia country boy standing up in church many years ago, holding his toddler. In his deep southern accent, he said, "I really love y'all a lot, but I would never give this little boy up for a one of you."

He was attempting to communicate our heavenly Father's incredible love toward His children and the sacrifice He made for the salvation of those who would put their faith and trust in Him. Regardless of how loving a person may be, human love pales compared to God's love—which is incomprehensible.

The choice of where we spend eternity is solely ours. No one can make this decision for us. Of the thousands of decisions you make here on earth, the most important is the decision you must make about your eternal future. The most crucial aspect to consider when making decisions is to ensure that they revolve around this one fundamental issue, which overrides all other concerns in importance.

What exactly did God do to accomplish our salvation? My friend Pastor Alex Pappas from Oceans Unite Christian Centre in Vero Beach, Florida, recently recounted a powerful fictional illustration he heard when he was growing up in South Africa:

There was a bus full of tourists going down a hill who panicked when the brakes gave out. The bus driver knew that if he could make it to the bottom of the hill, the bus would slow down and stop on its own. But, as the bus was gaining speed while rounding a corner, suddenly, the driver saw a child standing in the middle of the road. So he had to make a split-second, gut-wrenching decision.

If he swerved to miss the child, he would crash the bus, killing all of the tourists. If he hit the child, he would save everyone on board. But, as bystanders watched in horror, the bus driver did not hesitate; he ran over the child.

Once at the bottom and the bus safely stopped, the driver made his way back up the hill. The bystanders were furious with him.

"Why didn't you swerve to miss the child?" they screamed.

The bus driver picked up the child's lifeless body and, with tears streaming down his face, said to the crowd, "This is my son."

John 3:16 (NKJV) says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

In Acts 2:38 (NLT), Peter admonishes: "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

So what about you? Have you put your faith and trust in what Jesus accomplished on the cross? Have you repented by turning away from your sins? Were you baptized in water later on? Maybe you made these decisions a while back but didn't act on them. Now, you realize that you need to return to your heavenly Father. He will welcome you with open arms, whether you're coming to Him for the first time or the one hundred and first.

If you would like to get started in your salvation journey, why not pray the following to Jesus?

Dear Jesus, I have sinned. Please forgive me. I believe that You died on a cross and rose from the dead so that I can receive eternal salvation. Please come into my heart, change my life, help me go in a different direction, and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. And I confess that Jesus is Lord. Amen.

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In the past few months I have had the joy of teaching my son to drive.

Nearly all accidents happen when the paths of cars intersect. Whether in lane changes, intersections, or simply turning into a destination, probability of a collision increases greatly in the places we cross paths. Despite our efforts, we are still unable to control other drivers. Therefore, one of the best ways to avoid collisions is to...stay in your lane.

Think about it.

Lanes are really amazing.

Lanes allow millions of vehicles traveling at high rates of speed to pass within sometimes inches of each other. They allow us to move from highway to highway with almost no risk. While collisions still happen, they are rare when compared to the amount of activity going on over our roadways.

What would the New Jersey Turnpike look like without lane markers or signs? Chaos and, of course, collisions. That might sound like some of our families, workplaces, or relationships. Chaos and collisions. When the devil gets his way, chaos is one of the first fruits we see. Pain, division, and brokenness is not far behind.

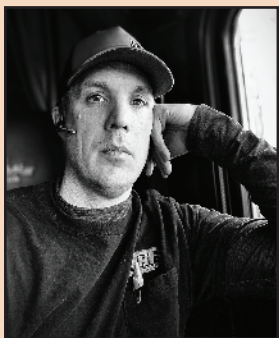
In contrast, whenever God is given authority, order is one of the first fruits we see. Not order to the point of being sterile and lifeless, but order to sustain life. Like lanes on a highway.

In the same way, collisions in life often come when we or someone else did not stay in their lane. Whether we knew where to be and chose not to stay, or whether we didn't know our place at all, pain is still often the result.

The apostle Paul understood his place.

2 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us--a sphere which especially includes you.

The limits of the sphere. Lane markers on the highway. How do we find our place? True order will always come from God. Order is meant to promote life and not restrict it. Staying in our lane allows us to fully go where we need, while allowing others to go where they need to.



Who is Jesus to you? Who has God given to help you? Who has God given to you to empower and protect? Who are you to be serving? All questions that can help us find our lane.

God's heart is for us to not have worry about the things we can't control and to simply enjoy the ride.....in our lane.

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COULD I EVER BE A CHAPLAIN?

Have you ever had that question pop into your mind? I know a lot of people have. The job of a chaplain is not clearly understood and vague enough to leave this question with an incomplete answer. A friend of mine from college and I were talking the other day; he asked what a chaplain really does. His only interaction with a chaplain was in a hospital when the family was going through the death of a family member. That was his only impression of what a chaplain does. Yes, a chaplain is there when things are bad and a loved one is dying, but it is so much more than that. After I explained what TFC Global chaplains do, his eyes were opened to a whole new world of being in place when people need to be heard, served, comforted, connected to resources, and walked through how their life can be transformed by Jesus.

The week before this past Christmas, a man died in his vehicle in the parking lot where he worked. Our chaplain, who serves that company, was able to step into that space for the family and employees of the company. Imagine having the opportunity to be called upon to be present to listen to people and be a comfort, give advice, and pray with people who just experienced the death of a co-worker. That's a powerful space to be in, used by God, to care for people who may never attend a church or talk to a pastor. This could be you in action as a chaplain.

Have you ever thought about being a chaplain? Well, if you want to serve the kingdom of God, be there to counsel people, and are a go-getter who can develop a chaplain's presence in the area where you live, you really need to contact me. Even if you may not consider being a chaplain anywhere specifically, but you want to find out more, I invite you to take our CTI Training (Chaplains Training Institute). TFC Global is an authorized training center for Chaplains International. If you want to be equipped to be a skilled counselor at your church or available to help in a crisis or as part of natural disaster relief, you should take this training to become skilled and credentialed as a chaplain. That credentialing through Chaplains International will stay with you wherever you go.

Chaplains are in demand. In a recent conversation with management of a trucking company the woman I was speaking with mentioned they have to offer "counseling" as an option of their government-funded EAP (Employee Assistance Program). But, employees avoid going to see a counselor because of the negative stigma in seeing a counselor. She also said employees will choose to talk to chaplain over 90% of the time. So, there is a demand for chaplains.

Therefore:

- If you have ever thought if you could be a chaplain, come find out.
- If you want to be able to serve your church better, take this training.
- If you are a chaplain and need continuing education, our training is top shelf.
- If you have education as a professional counselor, open up more options for yourself by adding this chaplains' training to your resume.
- If you are applying to be a chaplain with TFC Global, this training is required.
- If you are coming out of college or seminary, add this training to give you more options in your pursuit of ministry.

There is not any kind of commitment to take the training to see if God is pulling you toward chaplaincy. We are the northeast arm of Chaplains International, a nationally-recognized chaplaincy credentialing program. Our CTI will get you trained for less money than going to a college or seminary for their degree program. The next CTI (Chaplaincy Training Institute) is March 10-14 in Bernville, PA. To register contact us at info@tfcglobal.org.

So, if you are asking the question, "could I ever be a chaplain?", we have your answer.



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LET'S TALK ABOUT DEPRESSION

Depression: the state of feeling low, without hope, and sad for extended periods of time

7 ACTION STEPS FOR WORKING THROUGH DEPRESSION

01 TALK TO A CHAPLAIN



02 GET A PHYSICAL



03 VISIT A COUNSELOR



04 DO REGULAR EXERCISE



05 EAT HEALTHY



06 IDENTIFY SUPPORT



07 AVOID ISOLATION



For more information, on how chaplaincy services could help your organization handle issues like this, contact TFC Global at info@tfcglobal.org or call 717-426-9977.



Passion is the Secret to Success

The Women In Trucking Association was formed in 2007 and will celebrate 17 years of growth and achievement in March. What started as an idea has turned into an international organization with over 8,000 current members in ten countries. Every founder of a nonprofit group saw an opportunity for their services or support. Whether it's a membership-based association or a charitable organization, the founder(s) recognized a need and felt a desire to fill that demand. People often ask how to start a nonprofit organization, and instead of focusing on the legal paperwork, I'll tell you the secret to success. It's passion. To promote a mission and gain support from the industry for your goal to increase gender diversity in the trucking industry you must motivate others to support your passion.

There are 1.8 million nonprofit organizations in the United States, the majority (1.3 million) are charitable groups. However, all of them started with a small group of individuals who believed they could meet a need in their community. Most charities are funded by less than \$100,000 annually, which means they rely heavily on volunteers to advance their cause. The Women In Trucking Association is one of the five percent with annual revenues in the millions of dollars. The staff has expanded from one person to over a dozen who work to advance the mission.

In 2007, there were a few people who helped launch Women In Trucking. First, Char Pingel, the first employee who was hired with just a promise of a paycheck. She stayed on for sixteen years despite early financial struggles resulting in delayed payments. Without someone to organize the member lists, director duties, and administrative tasks, there would be no organization. Char was part of the passion.

There are many legal hurdles to address, and Attorney Robert Rothstein was immediately supportive and has spent countless pro bono hours filing paperwork, reviewing contracts, and keeping Women In Trucking Association legal and in compliance. Without Bob's support and legal expertise, the group would not exist. Bob was part of the passion.

Running an association with such dramatic growth is no simple task, and Joel McGinley of TranStrategy Partners (now with Hubtek) stepped in and offered executive coaching for over a decade. Again, he did this to support the group and initially didn't even charge for his countless hours and leadership advice. Joel also gave me consulting opportunities, so I had some income while growing Women In Trucking as a startup. Joel was part of the passion.

Every nonprofit needs a board of directors to give advice and guidance as well as support to the group while helping to influence the industry. The initial board of twelve very powerful and prominent women was no exception. They helped write the mission statement and created the brand as well as defined who and what the Women In Trucking Association would be moving forward. This initial board was focused on creating a more gender diverse transportation environment because they believed in the mission. This group of women whom I still call friends, were all part of the passion.

One definition of passion is, "a strong liking or desire for or devotion to some activity, object, or concept." John Maxwell once said, "A great leader's courage to fulfill his (her) vision comes from passion, not position." If you want to lead a nonprofit organization, you must have passion. Your followers will see through you if your motivation is fame, power, or money. Your members will lose interest if you can't share your enthusiasm and desire to create change in your industry or community. The secret to success in building and leading is in sharing your passion.

Ellen Voie founded the Women In Trucking Association in March of 2007, with a mission to promote the employment of women in the trucking industry, to remove obstacles that might keep them from succeeding, and to celebrate the successes of its members.

BECAUSE OF YOU

By Ron Fraser



Our Mission

Providing chaplaincy services to the trucking community through holistic, preventive, crisis care and spiritual guidance



Because of you... TFC Global has been able to put new chaplains into truck stops and trucking companies where we can help minister to the spiritual, physical, and behavioral needs of the professional driver and his family.

Because of you... We have been able to answer the pleas for assistance in reaching truck drivers throughout South Africa by setting up TGC Global entities doing ministry in the various countries we serve.

Because of you... This ministry has been sustained throughout its 73-plus years of ministry.

We have now entered into a unique time of ministry unlike we have ever seen before. We are being challenged not only by government restrictions and mandates but also by a sinking economic climate.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

I am reminded of something I read in Rick Dunham's book "If God Will Provide Why Do We Have to Ask for Money."

He stated the following: "The spiritual war between Satan and his forces of darkness and God and his forces of light is at the core of God's Kingdom work here on earth. And it is waged on various fronts."

But there is one particular battlefield that is nearly always overlooked. It is a place where the forces of evil are enjoying victory after victory over God's children to the detriment of God's kingdom work. The battlefield is the funding of Christian ministry. I believe that the funding of our ministry, TFC Global has been able to put new chaplains into some truck stops and trucking companies where we can help minister

to the spiritual, physical, and behavioral needs of the professional driver and his family.

I believe that the funding of God's work in the world today is at a critical point- a nexus- that is central, not tangential to the fulfillment of God's purposes in our world today. This makes the funding of Christian ministry a prime target for Satan and the spiritual authorities under his command. This brings with it a significant spiritual implication for God's Kingdom program today. That being "limited resources means limited impact."

He went on to say 'Clearly the ability of a ministry to fulfill God's call is in direct proportion to its ability to fund its work. And if the devil and his forces can thwart Christians from supporting God's work then he has won a victory in undermining the advancement and impact of God's Kingdom here on earth. That is exactly Satan's strategy: to keep ministries from gaining the resources they need to do the work God has called them to do.'

We have seen that here at TFC Global. Although our Faith Partner donor base has actually grown, the average giving per donor is down 49% due to inflation and what that has done to the economic situation of individuals and families everywhere.

If we fail to properly fund Christian ministry, then we limit the ministry's ability to reach people to bring them into a personal relationship with God or grow them in the faith as Disciples of Christ, which means we suffer a loss on the spiritual battlefield for the hearts of men and women.

That being said we want you our Faith Partners to know that we are thankful for whatever you can give to this ministry. We know these are difficult times. We also know that because of you....We are seeing lives transformed both here and overseas by the gospel of Jesus Christ!

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Life Is Like A Truck

Tom Wolff. Priority One Area Director

As we continue to talk about our engine (chapter 3 from last month's issue), it is helpful to think further about how we protect it. The truck has an array of gauges that help monitor the engine and other vital functions. I can see the temperature of my engine, exhaust, transmission and the front and rear differentials. Gauges monitor air pressure, fuel levels, speed, engine RPM's and more. The purpose is to give the driver a clear picture of how the various systems are doing and be able to detect any malfunction before things get serious.

Although my pick-up truck has a number of gauges, I recently experienced the dreaded "check engine" light. This light tells you that one or more of about a thousand things is wrong but won't tell you exactly what. Take me to your dealer. I refer once again to King Solomon's admonition in Proverbs 4:23, "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

Solomon says that everything we do in life flows from our heart, so its condition is of utmost importance. We need to be very careful then about what is flowing into our heart. When we take on "bad fuel" we will eventually shut down. Therefore, God has equipped us with a spiritual "check engine" light. The number one illuminator of the check engine light in the lives of many men (myself included) is anger. We tend to believe it's rooted in the behavior of another or in some circumstance that has occurred. However, people or circumstances don't have the power to make us angry. Only we can give ourselves over to anger - but anger isn't the primary issue. The "check engine" light tells us the diagnosis is below the surface.

Jesus taught, "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45 NKJV).

The angry language, is the indicator that underneath, something else is lurking. The question is, "What is fueling the language?" Bitterness, unforgiveness? As Jesus pointed out, if anger is what is flowing from our mouth, it's because anger is ruling in our heart. Ouch. People and circumstances don't make us angry - they simply reveal that anger is ruling in our heart.

Check engine.

There are many issues that can cause our "engine" to get clogged and eventually shut down. To get the best results our heart can offer, we must maintain a clear connection to Jesus and His Word. Many destructive influences await the man who lives far from his heart. The good news is that God is always available to help cleanse our heart, stand us back up and help us get running again! Here are three main diagnostic tools that Jesus offers us:

1. *The Spirit of God. First and foremost, God gives us Himself. Have you prayed about what's going on? Have you written about it and sat quietly before Him? God is always wanting to speak to us – Do we take the time to listen?*
2. *The Word of God. Most of what God wants to tell us is already written. Studying His Word will reveal most answers and confirm what God is telling you in your prayer time. "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11). If you aren't a student of the Word, you will never grow in your faith and you will never become a student of your own heart. In this case, ignorance is NOT bliss, it is spiritual suicide.*
3. *The family of God. A tribe – every man needs one. This is not optional. We all need a few trusted friends to whom we have given permission to speak truth into our lives. We can let a few others speak hard things to us when we know that they are for us. Consider it, "therapeutic wounding." "Faithful are the wounds of a friend" (Prov 27:6).*

These are our God-given diagnostic tools – The Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the family of God.

Is your "check engine" light on?

Don't make it mysterious – use your God-given diagnostics, take some time, and figure it out. Our goal is to love God and others, from a "pure heart" (1 Timothy 1:5). The road ahead is a long one - do whatever it takes to avoid that unexpected shut down!

Tom and his wife, Cindy, have lived in Thornton, Pennsylvania for over thirty years. After driving tractor trailers for twenty-one years over-the-road, he went into full time youth ministry. After receiving a master's degree in counseling in 2008, he opened his own practice shortly thereafter, while continuing to serve in full time ministry. After 16 years, he joined Priority One, focusing on men and the many issues they face.

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THOSE AT THE HOSPITAL

You are the reason
our chaplains can be
THERE FOR the
trucking community

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Every day our chaplains are there for those who need someone to be present with them. Here is one example of how our chaplains minister through their presence. Upon hearing that an employee from a company we serve was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery, our chaplain hurried there to visit. The owner of the company also went to the hospital, showing a wonderful example of the importance of building a supportive community in the industry. The man and his wife shared that they had never experienced that kind of care before, which greatly impacted their spirits. Use the QR code below to give a gift to help this community.

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9, MARCH

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10-14, MARCH

Chaplaincy Training Institute
Camp Calvary, Bernville PA
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16, MARCH

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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 will 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 accept this free gift and ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life, 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."

We would love to hear about your salvation. Email TFC Global at info@tfcglobal.org or call 717-426-9977. Resources will be sent to help you grow in your faith.

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