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Our Readers Write



Scott,
My guess for the truck for March is that it's a 1965 Dodge or Fargo 600. They were a pretty "state of the art" machine for their time. The fenders were on hinges beside the grille and opened wide and the hood leaned right back against the windshield—you could walk right in there! Thank you for this memory-jogging feature in your magazine. God's blessings,

*Bill J.
Chilliwack, BC, Canada*

Dear Transport For Christ,
I am interested in the "truck guess"—I like trucks and I like guessing, so this is perfect for me. I do not know the old truck models very well, but with my dad's help I have a guess—1951 Chevrolet.

*Rylan
Via email*

One of the few ministries to truckers that actually demonstrates some accountability of their chaplains in matters of doctrine and practice...No "independent" chaplains preaching who-knows-what; you'll hear the Gospel here....Knowing that is very reassuring....This is the real deal!

*Robin
Via email*

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A Word from Scott

"What does God want me to do?"

Last night I got a phone call from the man who introduced me to Jesus many decades ago. We had a wonderful time of catching up. After hanging up, I spent the rest of the evening reflecting on the spiritual journey the Lord has had me on these many years. I'm sure your journey and mine have many similarities as well as distinct differences.

One reflection that seems to be a thread running through every Christian's journey revolves around the question, "What does God want me to do?" I remember in my young Christian life sitting around listening to countless prayer requests that asked just that question—everything from what color car should I buy to should I become a missionary in Papua, New Guinea—and wondering quietly, "what is the answer, and how do I determine that answer?"

I believe all too often Christians take a "Let's Make A Deal" approach to finding God's will. In that TV show, dating back to the 1960s, contestants were offered three choices (hidden behind doors, or in boxes, or behind curtains); two had booby prizes and only one had "the" prize. That approach scared me; what if I chose wrongly? Would I walk away a loser? Somehow I could never reconcile that approach with the kind of God I saw in Jesus and revealed in Scripture.

To be sure, we all face choices that are clearly right or wrong (such as abortion versus life or fidelity versus promiscuity). However, our daily journey is filled with choices regarding our desire to follow God's leading that are not so clear cut. Let's start by understanding how God wants us to see Him. In Jeremiah 9:24, the Lord describes Himself as the Lord who is kind, just, and righteous; and that He delights in these qualities and their expression. That, to me, is not a let's-make-a-deal deity, but rather an amazing God who chooses those qualities, exemplifies those qualities, and is, therefore, the One I want to understand and know and will trust to help me develop and express those qualities.

So, what does this same God expect of you and me when we are trying to figure out His will for us along life's journey? Micah answers that question in Chapter 6 of his prophetic book. Here he first asks the question: "What does the Lord require of you?" Then he gives you and me the clear answer—God wants us to do what is just, to love what is kind, and to walk humbly with our God. I would like to suggest that each of us weigh our words and deeds on God's scales with this passage as the counterweight. If your choice, no matter the issue, balances, move ahead with your choice, trusting that God is directing.

Here are a few suggestions that might help: the obvious first is to pray for God's direction; then consider gifts and resources God has given you; seek wise counsel; dialogue with family; test against scriptural principles; look for opportunities; do something; trust God's leading. Driver, if you need assistance navigating life's highway, please stop in and talk with our chaplains!

Safe journey and God bless,

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Transport For Christ...

Leading truck drivers as well as the trucking community to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith

A long-time friend and supporter of this ministry went home to be with his Lord on September 11, 2015. Jay Plank was involved in trucking all his working life, starting in 1957 when he and his father hauled livestock, poultry, and refrigerated freight out of Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. They had nine trucks when Jay left the business to sell trailers for Trailmobile in Lancaster.

During the two years he worked at Trailmobile, Jay saw the potential for trailer service and rental so in 1973 he started Trans Equipment. This was when TFC was just getting started in the Northeast United States, and Jay did us many favors then and throughout the years. In fact, he painted the first chapel we had in the Northeast Region in 1977, and he built a new chapel for TFC in 1989. In the summer of 1982 the Northeast Chapel (called *The Guiding Light*) and its Marmon tractor needed repairs, because at that time the chapels were still traveling the highways. During a holiday when his shop was closed, Jay gave us free use of it, and we had at least a dozen volunteers swarming the *Guiding Light* chapel to do the repairs.

In a 1988 interview for a story to be published in this magazine, Jay shared how he came to faith in Christ: “I was saved when I was fifteen years old, through the Brunk Tent Revivals in Lancaster in 1951. My parents were religious, moral, ethical people, and I had seven years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. The neighboring farmer who I was working for at the time invited me to go with him to the revival. That was the first time I heard the Gospel of Christ. The reality of heaven and hell and that I needed to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ really hit me. I was on my way to hell and I was the only one who could do anything about it. On the way



He Saw the Trucking Industry as a Field Ripe for Harvest

Jay Plank Had a Heart for the Lord—and for Truckers

by Donald Hollinger



(Top) Plank's fleet in the late 1950s; (Middle) Jay (on the left) speaking at the dedication of the Guiding Light chapel in 1977. Northeast Region Director Melvin Mast stands in the middle. (Bottom) The chapel Jay built for TFC in 1989.

home my neighbor asked if I wanted to pray to receive Christ as Savior; I told him I wanted to pray about it. However, the next day, standing out in the field (and I can show the very spot) I cried out to God and asked Him to save me. I didn't begin to grow as a Christian at once, even though I began attending some Christian events. In 1953 I met Joyce, a fine Christian gal who became my wife four years later. It was at this time that I started growing as a Christian.”

Jay saw his involvement with TFC as a means of witnessing. “Because of my commitment to seeing men and women come to have a personal relationship with Jesus,”

he said, "I am excited about the ministry of Transport For Christ. I know that the trucking industry is a field white unto harvest; I know TFC is out there in that harvest, and I've seen the way they operate. The dedication of their staff and the fruit of their labors is what caused me to build a chapel for them....I would encourage any Christian business owner to help TFC any way they could."

Jay suffered a stroke in 1994 and had to retire. After his death in September 2015, his wife, Joyce, also went home to be with the Lord. Surviving is a daughter, Melissa Fulmer, and two granddaughters, along with Brad, who has taken over the business.

Brad Plank has made a few changes in the business. They no longer build complete trailers but repair and rebuild them, and do truck and trailer painting. They also sell Ravens and Stargate trailers and dump bodies, and Maxon and Waltco liftgates, and in 2010 began selling a full line of heavy-duty truck parts. Now in their 43rd year in business, they have eighteen employees.

Many things may have changed in Trans Equipment, but there is one thing that has not changed: they still paint chapels for TFC at no cost to the ministry. It's a legacy from Jay that his son is committed to continuing. ☺



Top: Plank's fleet included this Diamond T.

Right: Brad Plank, current owner of Trans Equipment

Bottom: Working on the TFC tractor at Trans Equipment; from left to right, Lawn Cook, Norm Ebersole, [unkown], Earl Sauder



Can You Guess This Truck?



Send guess to
editor@transportforchrist.org.
 May's "Guess Truck"
 (below) was a 1951 Corbitt
 D603T29



CHAPLAINS' LOGS

True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

Excerpts from the daily logs of chapels across North America. See page 15 for a list of chapel locations.

◆ **Running out of hours? Come spend your downtime in a chapel.**

Had the opportunity to talk with a driver from Ogden, Utah, who stated he was headed to Laredo and stopped due to running out of hours. He was thrilled there would be a chapel service. He said his wife and kids would be attending church in Ogden and, if he could hang around, he would attend the chapel service. *Chaplain Jerry*

◆ **God is love (1 John 4:8)**

Lyle came into the chapel feeling down, a lot of problems in his life. He said God didn't love him. I was able to show verses that God loved him, and I was able to lead him to Christ. He asked Jesus to come into his life. *Chaplain Marlin*

◆ **Driver wanted to pray for his family and driving safety**

Jerome stopped in and we prayed for his family and safety out on the road. I could see the power of the Holy Ghost in Jerome and he blessed me more than I can put into words. *Chaplain Larry*

◆ **Chapels are a place for fellowship, instruction, prayer**

Drivers came to the service because they saw me walking the lot; we had three visitors and a good service, after which they stayed around and kept talking about the Christian walk for about an hour after the official service was over. All three were already saved and were very thankful for the fellowship and biblical instruction. *Chaplain John*

◆ **A son prays for his mother**

I met John and Mary, mother and son, in the truckstop. I spoke briefly with them and left. A short time later, John motioned for me to come over and asked if I would pray for him and his mother. I prayed with them and then invited them out to the chapel where we had a time of fellowship. *Chaplain Jim*

◆ **Driving can be hard on marriages; healing starts with prayer**

Travis, from North Carolina, came into the chapel. He is a new driver and this was his first time in a chapel. He is having issues with his marriage. I shared the Gospel with him and he said he has Jesus as Savior. We had a long talk and some prayer. He was thankful for the chapel and someone to talk to. *Chaplain David*

◆ **"God is close to the brokenhearted" (Psalm 34:18)**

A driver came in sobbing about his problems. Thank God he left feeling much better. He came back later to thank me again. *Chaplain Leon*

◆ **The Lord gives strength to overcome a drug addiction**

Andrew came in for prayer. He talked about his situation for over an hour. He had a drug problem and has been clean for two months. He did not ask for money, he just wanted prayer and advice. He left feeling better. *Chaplain Dennis*

◆ **The cross on a chapel convicts a driver to action**

Todd came into the chapel today. He said he stared at the cross for two hours and finally came dragging in! He was under conviction, and he received Christ today. When he left, he said he couldn't believe how good he felt! Someone else planted and watered the seed of the Gospel in his life, I just got to harvest. He came in the next day with his wife. *Chaplain Jake*

◆ **Back at work, driver begins with a stop at a TFC chapel**

Michael stopped in for a Bible and prayer. He was in a bad accident, and today is his first day back at work in about five or six weeks. He is grateful for God's protection. *Chaplain Chuck*

◆ **TFC supporter stops in to encourage a chaplain**

Tom, from Hershey, came in; he is not a truck driver but attends a church that supports TFC. He appreciates the work we do here at the chapel. *Chaplain Harold*

GOOD NEWS FOR YOU

Can You Call Him “Dad”?

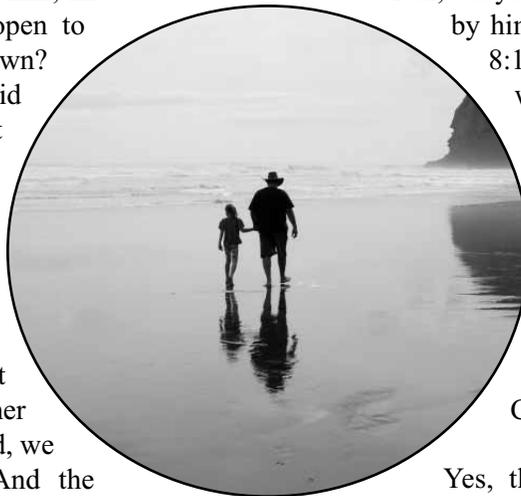
What picture does the word “father” bring to your mind? The word is usually shaped in our minds by the relationship we had with our earthly father—whether positive or negative. Did your father love you? Were you among the privileged ones who could confidently run toward him, knowing his arms would always be open to receive you? Or did he let you down? Was your father there for you? Did he hurt you? Did you know him at all?

Whatever the case, all of us can enjoy a relationship with a Father who is all a father should be—protector, provider, comforter, counselor, friend. You are an adult and may think you don’t need a father anymore, but when it comes to God, we need Him, whatever our age. And the Heavenly Father longs for your relationship. He wants to protect you, provide for you, and comfort you.

Time and time again, God is presented in the Bible as a Father. The Bible says that we can come to that relationship through Jesus Christ: “Yet to all who received him,

to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God” (John 1:12).

Once you enter into this relationship, you learn that you “did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father’” (Romans 8:15). According to Bible scholars, the word *Abba* was the most intimate word used to address fathers—the word a child would have used to address his or her daddy. It’s the word Jesus used when addressing His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. Just think: through Jesus Christ, we can have that same intimate relationship with the Creator of the universe.



Yes, through Jesus Christ we can enter into God’s presence with confidence, because through Him we are adopted into God’s family. Are you part of His family? Can you call Him “Dad”? If not, then may I encourage you to come to Him today—run into His arms that are extended to welcome you into the family. ☺

Join God’s Family Today—He Is Waiting to Welcome You!

- Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life.
- Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord and turn from your sins.
- 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.*”

Easier said than done? Stop by a TFC chapel (listed on page 15), call a chaplain for more guidance, or call the toll-free prayer line, 1-877-797-PRAY (1-877-797-7729).

- On the back of this magazine is a coupon to send to us if you have prayed this prayer. We will send you a Bible study designed for truckers, to help you in your new walk with Christ.



**35th Annual Pennsylvania TFC Truck Rally
Saturday, June 25, 2016 ♦ Lebanon Expo Center**

Throughout the day:

Vendors, Food Stands, Truck Supplies, Specialty Items, Crafts

- 10:30 AM** Trucks meet at Expo Center
11:00 AM Parade of trucks
11:30 AM Children's activities: Big Bright Bounces, face painting, barrel train, corn bin, scavenger hunt
1:15 PM Benefit Auction, Winross/Model Truck Auction, Children's Auction
4:15 PM Children's Program: Juggling by DKers
5:30 PM BBQ meal (chicken or pork rib sandwich; tickets needed)
6:30 PM Door prizes for registered truckers ♦ TFC Update ♦ Prayers of Blessing

Evening Concert: The Whisnants

For information and for meal tickets, contact tfcner@dejazzd.com or 717-665-6347.

Comments about the Rally:

"I am grateful for a very family-oriented day where I can feel safe in bringing our children."

"We love to come here, because the atmosphere at your truck show is so different from any other truck show we attend."

26th Annual Ohio TFC Truck Show & Benefit Auction July 8 & 9, 2016

Friday, July 8 - From Kidron to Mt. Hope

5:00 PM—Trucks arrive at Kidron Auction, Kidron; pulled pork sandwiches, homemade ice cream; bluegrass music by *The Stockdale Family Band*

7:00 PM (approximately)—Trucks leave for Parade of Lights from Kidron to Mt. Hope

8:30 PM (approximately)—Trucks arrive at Mt. Hope Auction; bluegrass music by *Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers Band Family*



Saturday, July 9 - Mt. Hope

7:00 AM—Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

11:00 AM—BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade ice cream; children's activities throughout the day, starting at 11:00 AM

12:00 Noon—Benefit Auction

For information, call 330-465-4587 or Facebook TFC Ohio



From Gary Nussbaum, Rally coordinator, about last year's Rally:

"People were calling all week long to ask about the time and route of our Parade of Lights. They planned group and family BBQs, picnics, and choosing the best spot so they would not miss the parade of trucks. Many told us that this was the best Rally ever and our new facilities were ideal, and they are already planning for next year."



And don't forget the **ATCA 37th Annual National Show**

June 17 & 18, 2016

Memorial Park

Macungie, Pennsylvania

TFC Staff & Mobile Chapel
will represent TFC.

Information:

Chaplain Jake Wise 717-808-2030

Fear Is Useless Faith Is Priceless

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 New International Version



MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

From the logs of the Nashville Chapel

- ◆ Ashton came in saying he needed some advice, as he and his parents were having difficulties. I taught him about forgiveness and obedience to our parents. He accepted Christ tonight. I found out he is only fourteen, so I encouraged him to bring his parents to visit the chapel.
- ◆ Kejuan came in thinking he was saved. After I talked with him for a while, it became clear to me that he really was not saved. After we spent some time in the Scriptures, he saw himself as a sinner and got saved.
- ◆ Dave thought good works would save him. I shared with him the way of salvation, and he asked the Lord to come into his life.
- ◆ Cortez said he had been saved at the age of fourteen, but admitted there never really was a change in his life. Now forty years old, he realized he needed Jesus and trusted Him for salvation.
- ◆ Ralph came in before the service and we had a long talk, with him sharing that he had his own way of salvation. But at the end of the service he saw the true light and asked the Lord to save him.
- ◆ Keith said he was struggling with his life, trying to do right. During the service I shared, in the message, about the futility of “trying to do right.” After the message, he raised his hand for salvation. We prayed before he left, and he was extremely grateful.
- ◆ Gaylen was at the chapel when I came in, and I realized the Lord already dealt with him. He trusted Jesus as his Savior. I encouraged him to find a Bible-believing church when he gets home.
- ◆ Earl confessed Jesus Christ as his personal Savior tonight!
- ◆ Josh had a problem believing the Word of God concerning Jesus being God. We ministered to him through the service and he concluded Jesus was who He claimed to be; as a result, Josh came to believe that he is going to heaven by accepting Christ, believing in His death, burial and resurrection.
- ◆ Cleber and Aimee, husband and wife, admitted they depended on their good works to get them to heaven. As I went through the Word of God and came to where Jesus died personally for our sins, Aimee began to cry. They both raised their hands for salvation. She said she never had the Gospel explained so clearly, that Jesus had died for her personally.
- ◆ Percy came in and said he needed prayer because he wasn't right with the Lord. We talked for some time and I prayed for him and gave him some materials to help him. He left encouraged and grateful.
- ◆ What a service! Had six attending; one couldn't stay for the whole service, but five remained to the end and God had a great message for them, as three accepted Christ as their Savior and another got his life right with the Lord. We just have to keep out of the way and let the Lord do His work!
- ◆ Another good service! We talked about the righteousness of God and how it is imputed to us. Had seven in the service, and one raise his hand expressing a decision for Christ.
- ◆ Had one person in for Bible study, and a couple came in later to see the chapel. She had never been in a truck stop chapel and was blessed by the visit. We all had prayer and fellowship.
- ◆ At the end of Bible study, I asked Earl to stay so we could talk more. After I shared the “Romans Road to Salvation” with him, Earl confessed Jesus as his Savior. We gave him a Personal Commitment Certificate and went through the first part of the Bible study. I gave Earl all three Bible studies to take with him.
- ◆ While walking the lot, I met Pete, a trucker, and he asked if he could pray for me, I said, “Sure!” I then prayed for him as well.
- ◆ A couple came in saying they just wanted prayer. We talked for a while and it was obvious to me that they were depending on their good works to get them into heaven. We had a Bible study on salvation, and when I got to where Jesus died for each one of us personally, she began to cry. After I shared the scriptures of John 1:12 and 3:36 and Romans 5:8-9, they both raised their hand for salvation and said that they believed for the first time in their life. She cried for at least thirty minutes.
- ◆ While walking the lot, we prayed for a trucker and his wife and they said we made their day!

MORE FROM THE FRONTLINES

More True Stories of God's Amazing Grace

From the logs of the Harrisburg Chapel

◆ Eddy came for a service from the truck stop across the street. I prayed for him and he prayed for me. It has occurred to me that some drivers focus on the issues that they are concerned about, whether personal issues or pet ideologies. Having Eddy pray for me gave him an opportunity to concentrate on someone else for a few moments.

◆ One of my prayer team members stopped in for a visit this afternoon. I'm grateful for his interest in the ministry of TFC and his willingness to spend time getting a feel for chapel activity. While he was here, a couple from Connecticut stopped in. They looked in the door window and then walked away so I quickly but calmly went to the door and invited them in. They had never seen anything like the mobile chapel and were curious. I briefly described the ministry and asked about their spiritual interest. My prayer supporter friend and I planted seeds and made sure they had a few gospel materials before they scooted out. My friend grew up in Connecticut and he recommended a good church in their town.

◆ Jerry had just recently rededicated his life to Christ as a result of talking with one of the chaplains from the Frystown chapel. He said that about a week after speaking with the chaplain he felt it was the right thing to do and prayed to accept Christ into his life.

◆ Just before we were ready to leave, Rich came in wanting prayer. He is in the process of getting a divorce he doesn't want. He said he was trying to save his marriage of twenty-eight years. He was going through marriage counseling but his wife didn't want to; also, that she has hatred in her. So I prayed for him, for his marriage, and for peace with whatever happens, and that he would continue to love her no matter the outcome.

◆ I met Ricky outside of the truck stop next to the fuel island door. He said to me, "You see that truck over there?", and I said yes. He said, "I need to get that truck to Connecticut today." With that I wished him well and said good-bye. Shortly after we parted, I felt the Holy Spirit telling me to follow him to his truck and pray with him. So I went over to his truck and knocked on the door. He rolled down the window and that's when I introduced myself as the chaplain and asked him if I could pray with him. He said, "Yes, chaplain, please." I prayed with him and told him that I would be praying for him throughout the day. Ricky is from Tennessee and said that he had never been this far north before. After I prayed for him, Ricky said, "Chaplain, you've made my whole day by praying for me". It really meant a lot to him that I had taken the time to walk over and pray with him. I gave him one of my cards and told him to call me anytime.

◆ Chaplain Hank, from the Knoxville Chapel, called me today to tell me that he had a driver in today that I had led to the Lord last April. The driver told Chaplain Hank that he had completed all three of the Bible Study Series for truckers and was on chapter 5 of the First Steps Discipleship Book. Glory to God!

From the logs of the Ocala Chapel

◆ A driver who I have been speaking with for several months stopped by today. He is not a believer but was excited to hear that the chapel was here and told me that God has been tugging at his heart; since he lives locally, he will be coming to the services.

◆ I spoke with Jesse, a driver from Ohio, from 9 to 11 PM a driver from Dover, Ohio. He lives about seventeen miles from my hometown. He had a lot on his mind and was thankful that there was a preacher that he could just be real with.

◆ Lee, a professing Christian, came to ask for prayer about his divorce. He was married 27 years. We prayed and asked God to give Lee joy in Christ. Lee said he has been staying close to God's Word and was waiting and knowing God is sustaining him.

A View From Above



I looked out the window to the world stretching out below me as far as the eye could see. I was in a plane, leaving behind plans and dreams that had crashed down on me—“like so many dominoes,” I thought, remembering playing with the tiles as a kid, placing them standing up, to see how far I could go before one toppled over bringing everything down.

I thought back on a friend and mentor who, years before, had challenged me to learn to see life in a different light—from God’s perspective. “It will change the way you see every experience,” she said. “It will change your focus.” She insisted it was the only way to live an overcoming Christian life—to take eyes off what’s going on and keep them on Him. (Seems like such a simple lesson, doesn’t it?)

I was remembering her words now, at a time of so much upheaval and loss in my life. Within the space of just a few months, three people very dear to me had died (including my dad); a job situation turned my world upside down and required a drastic move; goals and dreams I had put my hopes in were all but gone.

Sitting by the window of the plane that was taking me to a new (and uncertainty-ridden) phase of my life, I looked down at the landscape below, when my friend’s words came back to me. “See things from God’s perspective,” she’d said.

I thought, He sees my life from this viewpoint—the whole picture, not just what’s going on now. I compared the vast expanse I could see from above to the limited vision I’d had on my way to the airport. On the ground, my vision had been limited by buildings and hills and highways. Likewise, at the present the upheaval and loss I had experienced was limiting any vision of God’s plan and purpose. But my Heavenly Father, from above, was seeing the whole landscape of my life, including how my present experiences fit into it. I could trust Him.

I think that’s when the lesson I’d tried to learn so many years ago really came into focus: I should learn to see every experience, good or bad, momentous or insignificant, a watershed event or just the daily routine of life, from His perspective, as part of the landscape of my life, planned or allowed by Him for a purpose and in

accordance to His sovereign will. In that context, everything can be part of “God’s classroom” and teach me something that will help me grow closer to Him—if I’m willing to be teachable.

I look back today and can see how He used that time of upheaval as part of His plan, leading me into new experiences and levels of ministry I couldn’t have even imagined back then. That assures me that whatever may be ahead will ultimately also fit into His perfect plan. That’s why I made Jeremiah 29:11 one of my “life verses”: “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

I can trust Him with all the uncertainties of this life, knowing that He is all the certainty I need. That’s life from His perspective—as far as I’m concerned, the only way to live in this world.

“Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long” (Psalm 25:3).

Homeward Bound

All he wanted was to escape... until he heard the voice of his daughter.

By David Woertendyke

Ralph "Bull" Benson stirred his first cup of coffee. Sleep hadn't come that night. He'd sweated in his bunk even though the mercury in remote Indiana had been only slightly above that in his hometown of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Ralph's fellow truckers had years before named him Bull because, as the originator of his handle had put it, "You are one bullheaded dude!" Years ago, he was at a truck stop full of storm-bound drivers who had chosen not to go into a particularly bad blizzard across western Kansas; but Bull, ignoring all warnings, had driven on.

This time he'd also driven away. Left home. "This time for good," he thought, coldhearted. "I've had it with her nagging!" This time his cold heart couldn't have heard a warning if it had come from anywhere. Even the country tunes on the truck stop's scratchy PA system served only to harden his determination.

"How about your usual, hon?" sang the always cheerful Arlene. "Nuthin' this mornin'," he replied. "Ain't got no appetite."

Downing his last gulp of coffee and to the wail of endless country music on the stop's PA, the lonely but determined driver slumped out the door and into the seclusion of his cab. "Dang, I'll be glad to be shut off out of this cold and especially my nagging old lady," thought Bull as he fired up his Freightliner's big diesel and began easing



into the routine of another day's drive. He'd just endured a tense 34-hour reset at home, but now his hours were his own and with that, he hoped for a quick exit from what he growled was "Yankee Land!" He cursed the day his company had located him in their Illinois terminal.

His cold bitterness matched the frigid outside air. Bull sought a kind of solace in mentally reciting all the reasons, as he saw it, for leaving home for good. Thoughts flooded in. "Why didn't she EVER see that I was just flat tired of driving when I got home before asking me to take her and little Pumpkin anywhere else?" Pumpkin was the pet name he'd given his four-year-old daughter even before she'd been able to understand simple words. Funny how just the thought of her name brought a catch in his breath. To counteract that, however, Bull layered another bitter memory: "And the old lady was always cryin' when I left, sayin' that I ought to get a job that would keep me home!"

That thought backfired, as Bull recalled the sincere interest another trucking company had shown in him with a chance to drive locally. "Yeah, and for less pay and a whole lot more headaches. Why won't she and everyone else just leave me be? I'm a long-haul driver and that's it!" Even before that thought had taken the off ramp of his mind, however, came the memory of Pumpkin's tender kiss as less than twelve hours ago he'd stormed out the door and roared away from his little girl and her weeping mother. Bull's stomach churned.

"Gotta get some relief. Guess a little music is what I need." On went the radio and on came a song. The announcer simply said, "And here's one for all you truckers who might need a little taste of home." Bull almost moaned and was about to switch the radio off when the ballad's words began. Charlie Rich crooned a little girl's simple request, "Daddy, don't you walk so fast." The story in her words was simple. Her daddy was leaving home and she wanted to catch up with him. Hold his hand. Slow him down. Grasp onto his hand and love. The words caught Bull.

Even before the last verse, a powerful thing began to happen to Bull. Tears came to his eyes and he found it impossible to see the road. Stopping the truck and slumping forward, Bull let his forehead hit the wheel and with clenched fists he did what he'd seldom done before. He prayed. "God, help me!" With those words a bolt of energy

shot through his entire being. Confused, he pleaded, "But how...how, God...HOW!" His answer came in the last verse of the song that was now ending. Slumped and moaning from a breaking heart, Bull heard:

*Only for the sake of my sweet daughter
I just had to turn back home, right there and then.
I try to start a new life with the mother of my child
I couldn't bear to hear those words again.*

With a roar of relief, Bull slammed his truck into low gear, did a U-turn that ate up its share of road shoulder, put the hammer to the floor and was homeward bound.

That homecoming was a blur of tears and sobs of joy. Forgiveness began to have its sweet way and determination took over. In the weeks that followed, the once-offered local job was accepted, and a family began for the first time in years to experience the sheer joy of being just that, a family. Best of all was the way that Bull now took his Pumpkin and arm-in-arm with his sweet wife enjoyed long slow walks, ☺

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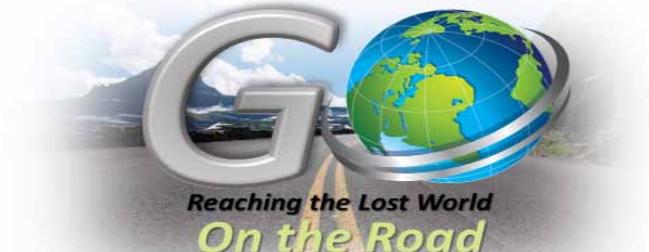
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Keeping Medically Fit - It's the Law!

By Jane Evans

Whether you are a new driver or a driver who has logged many miles, you know you are required to obtain a medical fitness certificate before you can drive a rig. However, a recent article is of much concern because it notes that drivers are not being honest with the medical examiner. Remember: it's the law (CFR 391.41), and if the certificate is obtained dishonestly, can you really say that you are medically fit for duty? These regulations are in place not only for your own good, but for the good of your company and other drivers on the road. The certificate means you meet the physical and mental demands of the job. If you have certain medical conditions, it may impact your ability to meet the demands required to safely operate a commercial vehicle.

What happens when you visit a medical professional and have your exam? First of all the exam **must be conducted by a licensed medical professional** that has been approved of and listed on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration National Registry. When you fill out the health history section of the paperwork, it's important to be honest with the doctor; otherwise you are creating a hazardous situation that could have devastating consequences.

Some people may try to hide a condition because they're afraid they won't pass the exam and that would affect their ability to work. But if you are not honest, you are invalidating the exam and medical certificate. You might not get caught, but do you really want to take a chance on having a medical emergency that may cause an accident injuring yourself or others? These regulations are there for your safety.

Drivers who are trying to hide a medical condition may shop around for a doctor that isn't as strict. That means if a driver fills out the health history form admitting to a health problem and, therefore, fails the exam, he or she may go to another doctor and omit information in order to obtain the certificate. However, be aware that as of 2016 the FMCSA reporting system will be able to flag drivers who take multiple exams and compare for missing or false information. And that will result in loss of the medical certificate. Conditions that would cause your loss of ability to control, operate, or drive a commercial vehicle include, but are not limited to, poor vision and hearing, insulin-controlled diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, breathing difficulties, mental disorders, the use of certain drugs, or alcoholism.

Obviously **vision and hearing** are important. You need to have acuity of at least 20/40 with or without corrective lenses. However, if you wear "monovision" contact lenses (in which one contact lens is set for distance and the other for near vision), you may not be cleared for commercial driving; but you may get an exemption if you pass the other categories in the exam. As for hearing, you must be able to hear a forced whisper at five feet away.

Blood pressure (BP) is important, as uncontrolled high BP can cause a driver to pass out. The regulations state that a BP of less than 140/90 will grant you a two-year certificate, while a BP up to 159/99 (which means you have type 1 hypertension) will get you a one-year driving certificate. If your BP is higher, you have a three-month exemption to get your pressure under control by use of medications. If it remains higher or medication is not effective to lower it, you will not be cleared for driving until it's considered to be under control.

Blood sugar must be under 120. If you have it under control by use of medications, then you are examined yearly to maintain a certificate.

Breathing difficulties and sleep apnea are a cause for concern as they may affect your ability to safely drive a commercial vehicle. The examiner will evaluate your health history and, if there is suspicion you have sleep apnea, an overnight sleep test will be ordered.

Medication use is a factor in passing the exam if you are taking prescription drugs that cause drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, etc. The monograph that comes with the medications will list side effects, but you must be honest with the examiner about any medications you take.

Remember: **Safety first for you and for the public** at large. If you are not honest with the medical examiner, you are not being honest with God, yourself, or others who may be impacted by your falsehood. ☹

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by Gary Nussbaum

“Doesn’t God Want Me To Be Happy?”

God wants you to be happy!” “Don’t worry, be happy!” It’s all about me being happy. I am happy if life is good. And if life is crappy I’m not happy. If I am not happy then something or someone else is the cause of my unhappiness.

We desire to have the sense of happiness: a perfect life, no troubles, problems, or pain. Somewhere, somehow we get the idea or assume believing in God and/or in Jesus is the guaranteed prescription for a life free from pain and disappointment—a happy life. If there is a God, He would surely do something about all the pain this world faces, wouldn’t He? He wouldn’t let all this (whatever “this” may be) happen to His people—now would He? That is, if there is a God.

We adopt the sayings of world philosophers or, if we believe there is a God, we pick and choose Bible texts to mold God into expectations of our own making, which in essence are generated from a sinful heart, ultimately creating a God from whom we are attempting to hide if we’re not denying His existence altogether.

With this subject of “happiness” on my mind, I was challenged recently by a study by Pastor Larry Osborne titled “Thriving in Babylon.” He delves into the life of Daniel in a way that brings a clearer focus on what it means to live a life that thrives in a secular culture (much like ours today) and how he did not play at worshiping God but truly honored his God. There was one statement he made which is at the crux of all we need to say about happiness, and I quote: “God is more concerned for our holiness than our happiness.”

Consider for a moment what it is that brings you happiness or makes you happy. Can you name it? Or is there more than one thing that is necessary for your happiness? Is it your job, 401K, friends, health, safety, popularity, house, people who believe as you do, government leaders who lead as you think best? And what happens when any of that is lost, threatened, or differs with your belief

system? That’s what Daniel experienced, yet his response is such an example for us today. (I strongly suggest you read, or reread, the book of Daniel!)

Considering the tragedies and the many issues in the news we hear and see every day, how do they affect our sense of happiness? Or, if we personally experience any tragedy or interruption to our life, does this in any way affect our sense of happiness? So whether we experience it or merely hear about it, what is our response?

True happiness (maybe we should call it “joy”) is peace within. Jesus told His disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27). The Apostle Paul speaks of this peace in terms of being content in whatever circumstance he found himself in. Not many of us have had to endure all that befell Paul: shipwreck, numerous beatings, left for dead, and jailed. So then, what is our excuse for our lack of happiness or contentment? Listen to what Paul wrote while being held in jail (Philippians 4:11): “I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”

Henry and Richard Blackaby, in their devotional, *Experiencing God Day by Day*, say it well: “If our contentment comes from possessions, activities, or other people, these can be altered or removed. If our contentment comes from our relationship with Christ, there is absolutely nothing that can take that away.” And, as Pastor Osborne reminds us, “God is in control of who is in control.” ☺

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GREEN ONION



by David Roberts

Bumper Sticker Faith

Hey, Green Onion,” said Road Runner, “I just saw a bumper sticker that said ‘Don’t believe everything you think.’” “Yeah, Runner,” replied Green Onion, “but I have seen a better one; it just said ‘Bumper Sticker.’”

Bumper stickers often tell much about the driver behind the wheel. Back in 1991, our Canadian Director, Dennis Finnamore, and I were looking for car parts in New Brunswick when we came across a totally burnt out car with a totally intact bumper sticker that read, “My wife’s second vehicle is a broom.” Well, Dennis and I just stood there and laughed, while also grieving for a marriage that obviously was in trouble. And I’m sure you have seen the one that says, “My husband and our dog are lost. Reward for dog.”

We are what we think we are, and we will put into action thoughts we have meditated upon in our subconscious minds. Recently I have been in the company of young adults who are expressing themselves and their ideologies through tattoos and piercings through the nose, ears, and lips. Their mostly black T-shirts display skulls and pagan slogans written with the disdain of the establishment and society as a whole. These precious people are not the enemy. They just are reflecting their honest hurts and their anger and displaying that they think there is no hope. They are among the ones Jesus came to save, the broken, contrite, smashed sinners. Perhaps some of the depressed drug, alcohol, and pornography addicted who come to the end of themselves might sometimes be closer to the kingdom of God than some in our sanctimonious “holier than thou” clubs that meet on Sunday mornings in church.

The believer’s “bumper stickers” and “tattoos” are our faces when the beauty of Christ shines through us, and our eyes when they shine with the glow of the Holy Spirit when our spirits and our souls are clean and right with God through the blood of Jesus who died for us on the

cross. “Those who looked to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame” (Psalm 34:5). And we read in Acts 6:8-15 that Stephen, “a man full of God’s grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people”; when he was arrested and brought before the authorities because he was preaching the Gospel of Christ, they “saw that his face was like the face of an angel.” When we are walking in fellowship with the Lord, we don’t really need to advertise our faith with a bumper sticker. Jesus says that when we truly love Him more than “these things” [the world’s trinkets and trends], when we follow Him with our whole being, we who are the temple of God will truly shine, the world will see our good works and that alone will bring glory to our Heavenly Father. “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house” (Matthew 5:14-15 KJV).

As believers, our light, however bright, is dim in comparison to that in the eternal home prepared for us, where there will be no need of light from the sun or moon or any artificial light, because the light will come from the glory and presence of Christ alone. But until then, may we be faithful in following the One who said, “I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12 KJV). May His light be the “bumper sticker” that advertises Who we are following! ☺

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