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INSIDE VIEW

Rev. Kevin Scott

The hot days of July are upon us—in this past week historical records have been set here in Canada and in other places around the world. The hot temperatures outside are being matched by hot tempers in many people. In this past week I have been witness to many people losing control and being confrontational with others, more than I can remember in such a short period of time. People yelling at store clerks, arguing with other customers, at their wits end with endless voicemail loops (okay, that one was me trying to get through to the internet company), and, yes, people furious with other drivers on the road. People's tempers seem to be very short, and that makes life for all of us more difficult. Drivers are cutting other people off, trying to fit in spaces they just don't fit, being less observant of others, and making the job of professional drivers much more difficult.

Today I was driving down the road when I noticed a little boy on the sidewalk, walking along holding his father's hand and singing at the top of his lungs. They were approaching a crosswalk, and they just kept walking, with the boy about a step ahead of his dad. The pedestrians had the right of way. The driver in front of me seemed to be in a hurry, and I didn't believe he was going to stop. The father didn't think he was either, because he just reached down, picked up his son, held out his hand and yelled for the driver to stop. The car did stop, and the little boy just carried on singing in his dad's arms. He had total confidence that his dad would take care of him.

Seeing that brought my mind back to a quote I heard several years ago, referring to the Bible story of David and Goliath. I'm not sure if this story is familiar to you, but to sum it up, the enemy army had a giant, over nine feet tall, who was taunting and challenging the Israelites, who were God's people. Every day this giant, Goliath, walked along the front lines and called for anyone from the Israelite army to come face him. He mocked the people, and he mocked their God—but he was enormous and no one dared face him. At least not until the day that a young boy named David was there to take supplies to his brothers. David was just a youth, not yet old enough to go to war, but he witnessed Goliath's actions and he became very angry—angry that his people were being mocked, and angry that the God he loved and served was being mocked. Since no one else would stand up to Goliath, David determined he would. And he did. David, a fraction of the size of this giant, went out to face Goliath. While the giant wore armour and had a sword, this boy wore shepherd's clothes and had a slingshot he used to keep the predators away from his sheep. But David wasn't afraid. And here's the quote: "David didn't need to know Goliath's strength because he already knew God's." Think about that—because David trusted God, he took action; he used his slingshot and defeated the enemy giant by striking him on the forehead.

The quote goes on to say "Nothing you are facing today is stronger than God." David knew that, with God's help, he couldn't fail. That little boy in the crosswalk trusted his dad and knew his dad wouldn't let anything happen to him. Nothing you face today is stronger than God, and He will help you through it all. God's promise to you is that if you will trust Him you won't face any situation on your own—you will face it with His strength to help and guide you.

As you will read in the stories in this magazine, God doesn't promise that we will never face problems, but He does promise we will never face them alone, and that His strength will always be more than enough. I hope you will be willing to experience this for yourself.

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On the cover: *A 1988 International 9670, 385 Cummins, 9-speed Fuller, single axle, owned by Dwayne Johnson, Executive Director of The Trucking Collective and a regular contributor to* Good News for Life's Highway.

The Collective

Dwayne Johnson

Belief and Boast

Years ago, one of the positions I held in the trucking industry was that of a dispatcher. Now before you get mad at me, let me just say it was good training that God had me endure to minister to those in the industry. The owner of that company told me something that would make me a good dispatcher and that I will never forget. He said, "As a dispatcher, if you're working on today, you're already behind." See, he always wanted me to think about tomorrow so that the loads would be ready when the drivers got empty today. Then I could boast about being a good dispatcher.

The Bible teaches us something quite different about being a good Christ follower. The boasting should be all about God, not us. James chapter 4, verses 13-17 starts by telling us to "listen" because something important is about to be said. The important thing is that we shouldn't say "today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money."

Now I know what you're thinking—"Why is this a bad idea? It sounds good to me. This is kind of the goal for a trucking company, isn't it?" I agree, it is a good goal for a company, but that's not what we're talking about. We're talking about a life living for God. Of course, we must do what our dispatchers tell us to do, or things won't go well for us, but our boasting should be all about God and what He has done for us, and all the things He provides for us. We shouldn't be confident about our ability to get things accomplished; and, might I say, this applies to our paychecks as well.

Verse 14 goes on to say, "You do not even know what your life will be like tomorrow." It also says that our lives "are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away." I know that some days seem to last forever, but as you look back on your life, it really goes very fast. The Bible also says, in Matthew chapter 6, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own… But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." We could save ourselves a lot of heartache if we didn't worry about what will or will not happen in the future. We spend so much time worrying about stuff, and it takes a lot out of us.

So, we should live our lives for God today. Try and look like Christ in our actions, our words, and how we carry ourselves today, and tomorrow we'll do it all over again. Believe in the Lord Jesus and boast in the things God has done and provided for you, and this will bring glory to God.

If you aren't sure if you've ever believed in your heart that Jesus died for you, please call the number on the cover of this publication today.

*About the author: Dwayne Johnson is the founder and executive director of **The Trucking Collective**, an organization dedicated to bridging relationships between truckers, trucking companies, and the local church to achieve radical transformation in Jesus Christ. He describes himself as "a veteran of the United States Army, husband to Brenda, father to four amazing adult children and grandfather of a beautiful granddaughter." Check their website, **www.thetruckingcollective.org**, for many valuable resources available for professional drivers.*

A Special Prayer Need

Please continue praying for our chaplains in Russia and their families during this difficult time.

Reporting from Zambia

The Chaplain Was a Trucker—and that Made All the Difference!

Chaplain Shadreck met Amos at the Chirundu border as they both waited to get their loads cleared to cross the border. As they talked, Shadrek introduced himself as a chaplain with Transport For Christ and asked him if he was familiar with the ministry. Amos said he hadn't heard of it, so Shadreck explained that our purpose and mission was to share God's love with those in the trucking community, and that many drivers have shared testimonies of how their lives had changed after they turned to God. Then he gave Amos a copy of *Good News for Life's Highway* and asked him to turn to the back page and try to answer the question at the top: "Do you know where you will spend eternity?" Amos confessed that he was once a committed believer in God but that he no longer attended church.

When Shadrek asked what had caused him to give up on his faith, Amos said that he and his first wife had been Christians, and that he had prayed every time he left home that God would protect her and keep him strong and faithful. But then he found out that she hadn't been faithful, and he was devastated. He mourned his failed marriage and turned his back on God. "The divorce was so devastating that I questioned where God was in all this," he said. "Why had He allowed my marriage to fall apart when I trusted Him to bless it? This was ten years ago, and I haven't been to church since then. I am happily married to my second wife and we are getting on well," he concluded.

Hearing this, Shadreck prayed for wisdom and gentleness as he spoke to Amos about his heartache, and he felt the Holy Spirit empower him with words of both comfort and encouragement. He quoted from Romans 8, in the Bible, that nothing can separate us from God's love, and said that, just as Amos's first wife would have to answer for her choices one day, Amos too would have to stand before God and answer for his choice to turn away from Him. "I told him that, despite what had happened, God still loved him," Shadrek said, "and that the happiness he now enjoyed with his second wife was an expression of God's grace." Amos was moved to tears of repentance, and he rededicated his life to Jesus. He promised he would start going to church with his current wife, and Shadreck gave him the name of some churches in his hometown.

Before leaving, Amos told Shadrek that, before meeting him, he had vowed never to listen to any preacher trying to draw him back to God, but all that changed when he saw a truck-driving chaplain!

Appreciation Changes Dejection into Joy

Chaplain David found driver Timothy sitting in his truck, looking lonely and dejected. When David approached him, the look on Timothy's face told him he wanted to be left alone. "I realized his mood to be unreceptive," Chaplain David recalls, "so I tried to soften the tension before sharing the Gospel with him." And he tells how the Lord inspired him in his approach to Timothy.

"I told Timothy, 'You may be wondering why we come to you, truck drivers. It's God's love that compels us to do that. I want you to know that your work makes you servants of God in that you deliver God's sustenance to families as you deliver your cargo.' As I continued to praise the contribution that truck drivers make to the economy of countries, I saw Timothy's face soften." Chaplain David then added that he was aware many truck drivers felt that the trucking job kept them from being near God, when the opposite should be true. "Your truck can be your private prayer room," he said. "All it takes for you to get close to God is following His basic salvation plan as illustrated in the ABCs at the back of this magazine," and he handed a copy of the magazine to Timothy.

When Chaplain David asked Timothy if he was ready to receive Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord, with joy he said yes, and prayed to give his life to Christ.

ACTSA: Creating Lasting Relationships with Drivers

By Chaplain Brian Teputepu

"Mukoma Brian, are you at the chapel? "*

When this text message showed up in my phone, I knew *Mukoma* Lawrence could be very close by. I was so happy to see his text, as the last time I'd seen him he was fixing trucks in Harare, seven hours away.

I first met Lawrence six years ago, during one of my truck lot visits when I was responsible for two chapels on the South African border, one at the Gateway Truck Stop and another at Limpopo Truck Park (a change in management resulted in the chapel at Limpopo closing).

When I met him, Lawrence was seated in his Volvo truck in the dusty yard of the Gateway Truck Stop, waiting for his clearance papers to cross to the Zimbabwe side. We struck off a conversation about faith and he was very receptive, and that contact established a lasting bond between us. I learned at that time that he was an elder in his home church back in Masvingo, one of Zimbabwe's major towns. He said he was a trucker because it was the way he could support his family.

Lawrence (right) with Chaplain Brian

He became a supporter of the ministry; when needs arose, like a death or a sickness, he was one of the first people to give. When we had devastating floods in the eastern province of Zimbabwe, he was one whose giving enabled ACTSA to go on the ground with relief items, including cement and clothes.

Now back to the present—it was such a wonderful surprise to hear from Lawrence. A day after I received his text, Chaplains Emmanuel and Elson joined me as we met with Lawrence at his truck (and we learned that it was his 50th birthday!). We took him to see the Upper Room ACTSA Chapel and gave him some materials to take on his trip. Two days later and many miles away, Lawrence was handing out the materials we had given him to other drivers and the people where he was delivering his load.

The story of *Mukoma* Lawrence is a great example of the mission of ACTSA:

- To ***encourage*** truck drivers. There are many believers on the roads of Southern Africa who cannot attend church services, as they spend so much time on the road, or stuck at borders, or delivering or picking up loads. The ministry offers them an environment where they can be strengthened and grow in their faith.
- To ***equip*** them with materials that will help them to witness of their faith.
- To ***exhort*** them in word and prayer to become great tools in the work of God.

Chaplain Brian (in orange shirt) with Lawrence and chaplains Emmanuel and Elson.

As he handed out those materials, Lawrence was fulfilling yet another aspect of the mission of the ministry—to ***evangelize*** as they are on the move.

Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:38 NKJV).

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** "Mukoma" is the local word for "brother"*

Nouvelles en Français du Québec

Par Jacques Poirier, Aumônier - Saint-Liboire, Québec

À cette période de l'année plusieurs d'entre nous alllons nous arrêter pour les vacances annuelles bien méritées.

J'espère que chacun de vous aura un temp de repos et de rafraichissement. J'aimerais vous parler de quelqu'un qui après avoir commencé le travail que son Père lui avait demandé d'accomplir n'a pas pris de vacances. Je veux vous parler bien sûr de Jésus de Nazareth, le fils du Dieu vivant.

L'évangile de Matthieu au chapître 8 du verset 23 à 27, nous voyons que Jésus monte dans une barque pour se rendre de l'autre bord. Une violente tempête s'éleva au point que la barque était couverte par les flots. Le Seigneur Jésus dormait tranquillement malgré la violence de la tempête.

Jésus avait une mission à remplir de l'autre bord et l'ennemi tentait par tous les moyens de l'empêcher d'accomplir cette mission. Le Seigneur confiant qu'aucun obstacle ne pourrait être assez fort ou puissant pour l'arrêter dormait profondément. Les disciples énervés et apeurés par la situation allèrent réveiller le Maître.Il leur dit : Pourquoi avez-vous peur? Alors Il menaça les vents et la mer, et il y eu un grand calme.

Ces hommes furent dans l'étonnement et se demandèrent: Qui est donc celui-ci, à obéissent même le vent et la mer? Il nous arrive très souvent de ne pas réaliser à quel point notre Dieu est puissant. Celui par qui tout a été créé, a reçu tout pouvoir de la part de son Père. Nous devons prendre conscience que tout ce que nous demanderons au Père au nom de son Fils Jésus selon sa volonté, nous sera accordé.

À la fin de sa mission sur terre, le Seigneur Jésus a déclaré: *(Tout est accompli!)* Combien il est important et nécéssaire pour nous de s'associer à celui qui est mort pour nous. Il a défié le diable Satan l'accusateur et l'a vaincu à la croix.

L'apôtre Paul au chapître 8 verset 1 de l'épître aux Romains, nous déclare qu'il n'y a maintenant plus aucune condamnation pour ceux qui sont en Jésus-Christ. Il n'est pas nécessaire d'être parfait, car aucun d'entre nous ne l'est. Il est essentiel de reconnaitre que nous sommes pécheurs et que nous avons besoin du pardon de Dieu par le sacrifice de Jésus à la croix. La foi corespond à *écouter la Parole , Répondre favorablement à cette Parole et agir en fonction de ce que recommande la Parole de Dieu qui est Jésus.*

Il me fait toujours plaisirs de vous accueillir ou de répondre à un appel téléphonique.

Sur ce, je vous invite à venir nous rencontrer lorsque la chapelle est ouverte.

Vous êtes les bienvenues. Que notre grand Dieu vous garde.

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HISTORY OUR STORY

Terry Wills

Hannah—A Wannabe Mom Who Made a Difference

Who would think that a non-descript woman who couldn't have children would change the course of history?

Her name was Hannah and she lived in a small village in the hill country north of Jerusalem around 1100 BC. She was married to Elkanah but could not have kids. For a wife to be childless in that time and culture was a disgrace, a sign that God was withholding favour. To make matters worse, Elkanah had also married another woman named Peninnah, and she not only had children, but also took every opportunity to remind Hannah about her barrenness.

Although this family lived in a time of anarchy, where everyone "did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25), and generally there was little acknowledgement of God in the communities, Elkanah feared God and made regular treks to Shiloh with his family to worship God and offer sacrifices at the house of the Lord.

Your life and story are important, and God has a special part of His Story to write with you specifically in mind. Throughout human history, He has chosen to interact with regular people like you and me to fulfil His plan. Each Christian, each follower of Jesus Christ, has a unique place in His Story.

During one of these pilgrimages, Peninnah so provoked Hannah about being childless that Hannah broke down and wept, but rather than retaliate, she took her misery to the Lord in prayer. She made a vow to the Lord Almighty that if He would allow her to have a son, she would give him back to God, to serve Him all the days of his life.

Shortly after the family returned home, Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a baby boy that she named Samuel, which means "God has heard." She kept Samuel at home until he was weaned (around four years of age at that time), and then took him to Shiloh, fulfilling her vow to give him to the Lord to serve Him there. That must have been a long, tearful hug, as she left her son at the house of the Lord.

Imagine, just for a moment, Hannah's emotional journey. From being a childless woman, harassed by Peninnah, to the joy of having her very own little son, only to give him over to the Lord when he was still a young boy, all in the space of a few years.

Hannah, in her time of loss, again takes her anxiety to the Lord, and her beautiful prayer is recorded in he Bible, in 1 Samuel 2, where she declares her trust in the Lord God, who is Holy and is Sovereign. Hannah would return to the temple on her regular pilgrimages with the family and bring Samuel a new robe. And God was gracious to Hannah, and she gave birth to three more sons and two daughters.

The Bible says that Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord, and God used him to cause a spiritual awakening in the nation. Later in his life, Samuel anointed David, "the shepherd boy," to be king of Israel. Under David, the Israelites returned to the true God, worshipping and obeying Him, and the nation became a respected world power. And Jesus, the Messiah and Saviour of the world, was a direct descendant from the lineage of King David.

May we, as Christ followers, be encouraged that God uses ordinary people like Hannah and you and me to be a part of His plan to reach the world with the love of Jesus.

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Walking the Lots, Sharing God's Love

- Walking around the Husky, the first three drivers I talked to accepted a copy of the magazine. Then I ran into Jerry, who was on his way to California. We had a nice talk and I was able to share with him and pray for him. He accepted a Bible and thanked me for stopping to talk to him and pray for him.
- I met a nice guy who was hauling grain out of Manitoba. We had a good talk about salvation and the need, at these times, to pay attention to our faith. He told me he is not a Christian but will think about what we discussed and will read the Bible I gave him.
- I met C. from Campbell River and we had a good talk about the importance of cultivating our faith. I prayed for him before he got on the road. I also talked to a Punjabi driver who was excited to get a book (the Gospel of John) in his own language.
- I had a slow start today; spent the morning at the chapel, sending a message to truckers via Facebook. In the afternoon I went to the Husky. I gave a Gospel of John to a Punjabi driver, then met another driver who was so grateful for a copy of the magazine, and encouraged me in this work. Then I had a good long talk with J., originally from Latvia. He took a magazine, a tract and a Bible and was happy to have me pray for him.
- Driver Han dropped by the chapel to, in his words, "be an encouragement to whoever was at the chapel today." Before he left, he asked if he could pray for me.
- We had chapel service today in person, online, and on FM radio. A driver, Shane, came in during the service and stayed afterwards for fellowship. I invited him to join us for supper and some more fellowship, then dropped him off at his truck. Before he left I prayed for him, especially that he wouldn't have to wait too long for a load home.
- Scott stopped to get gas for his car. He saw the chapel and came in for a visit. He said he sensed the Lord's presence here, and told me he accepted the Lord just a year ago; we had a time of prayer before he left.
- Kal came in today. He accepted the Lord here a few months ago; we talked about his experience and enjoyed a devotional time and prayer. He and his wife are expecting their first baby and are excited!
- I opened the chapel and went in to the truck stop to let the staff know the chapel was open. I spoke with a couple of the staff members, who expressed their gladness that we are here.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Betty Adam-Hagley
By Robert Hutchinson
Charmaine Duffield
Ron & Lois Litwiller
Erma Bisset
Susan Falle
James & Ruth Eby
Mary Jane Morrison
Mary Thomam
Norman & Marie Shaw
George & Ruth Adam

In Memory of Bill Gilbert
By Kevin & Lisa Scott
Murray & Laurie Scott

In Memory of Ruth Martin
By Kevin & Lisa Scott
Murray & Laurie Scott
Dennis Finnamore

In Memory of Alan Dyck
by his daughter, Marilyn Dyck

In Memory of Elizabeth Kornelson
by Paul & Edna Cairns

In Memory of Hannah Myers
By Kevin & Lisa Scott
Murray & Laurie Scott
Inge Koenig

Three Drivers, Three Stories, One Joyful Outcome

As reported from Brazil by Chaplain Marcelo da Silva Soares

Josemar—Grieving, He Found Hope

On one of our walks through the sorting yard in the Paranaguá port, I could see a truck driver who was preparing a meal by his truck. I approached him and jokingly asked him if he needed any help. "Help is always welcome!" he replied.

I introduced myself as a chaplain and he said his name was Josemar. As we talked, he mentioned that he was going through a difficult time; he had lost a very good friend the day before, victim of a truck accident. Added to that was the fact that his ex-wife was making it hard for him to see his daughter.

When I asked him about his faith, he said that it had been a long time since he'd been to church. I told him that without Jesus it is not possible to face the our difficulties of life and emerge victorious, then I asked him if he would like to have Christ in his life as his Saviour. Josemar immediately said yes and prayed, committing his life to Jesus Christ.

Anderson—Finding Strength to Do the Right Thing

Truck driver Anderson (with Bible in hand) arrived at the chapel along with a friend. He talked about his work, about the difficulties of being a truck driver, and also about his family. He also had a lot of questions about the Word of God.

After his friend excused himself to use the restroom, Anderson asked me and chaplain Jeferson if we could pray for him. He said he had drifted away from Christ and was in a relationship with another woman, even though he loved his wife; he said he just didn't have the strength to walk away from the relationship. We told him that only with Christ would he have the strength to do it. It was then that Anderson decided to turn it all over to Christ.

Edmilson—Three Problems, One Solution: Christ!

Trucker Edmilson (on the left in the picture) was invited by volunteer Walter to stop by the chapel for a blood pressure check. As we talked, he shared with us about his experiences on the road, not only in Brazil, but also for eleven years in Portugal. I then asked him about his family, and he said that he was separated from his wife. When I asked if he would like to share what happened, he admitted he had three problems: he said he drank a lot, smoked a lot, and "had women on the road."

When asked about his faith, with tears in his eyes he said that he had walked away from the ways of Christ. I told him that without Christ things are always more difficult to resolve and that if he wanted we would say a prayer for him to make a new alliance with Christ Jesus, and the answer was immediate – "Yes, I want to!" We prayed and, for the glory of God, Edmilson recommitted his life to Christ.

The husband's side of *The Trucker's Wife*

Chaplain Sam & Janet McIntosh

When God Speaks

We moved to Calgary in December of 2018 after four and a half years of living in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

There are plenty of ways Calgary is different from where we lived in Ontario, and I'm still getting used to some of their laws. For example, you're not supposed to hold your cellphone, even while stopped at a stoplight; but you can use the hands-free, voice-to-text feature.

Problem is, voice-to-text doesn't always "listen" well. Sometimes it just gets it wrong. Once I wanted to text a friend that I was grateful for the love of Jesus, and it was translated that I was "grateful for olives and cheese sauce"! The phone heard, but didn't understand.

And, Lord forgive me, but sometimes I'm just like my phone: I hear, but don't understand. There are times I believe God is trying to tell me something but I filter His words through my own feelings or personal motives. And don't we often do this with what we read in Scripture?

Have you ever seen one of those illustrated beginner's Bibles? One of the saddest pictures shows Adam and Eve holding each other as they're leaving the Garden of Eden. When I was young, I was taught that Adam and Eve had to leave the paradise God created for them because of their disobedience. While this conclusion is true, it misses the fact that it's also a beautiful picture of God's mercy.

The garden God created for Adam and Eve had many trees, but two were special, mentioned by name: the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and the tree of life. God told Adam and Eve they could eat of any tree except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and warned them if they did, they would die. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and were cast out of the garden.

But God didn't want them to stay separated from Him forever. He wanted this relationship restored, but restoration couldn't happen if Adam and Eve stayed in the garden. Why, you ask? Because if they did, they would have access to the tree of life and live forever, but in eternal separation from God. And God loved them too much to allow this to happen. He kept them from the tree of life so He could send His Son to restore humanity to right the relationship with Him. When we read that God said Adam and Eve had to go, many of us hear punishment. We hear banishment. But God was saying so much more. He was saying, "I love them too much to be separated from them forever."

I think we all have places in our lives where we need to reevaluate what God has said to us. Perhaps we always heard God's words through a filter of judgment. Instead, let's filter everything we hear God say through the filter of His love. We need to hear His words and His heart.

When things don't go the way I want, I believe the Lord is saying to me, "I love you too much; that's why I answered you the way I did. It wasn't to punish you. It wasn't to hurt you. It wasn't because I am cruel. Everything that I've ever done for you is compelled by My love. Hear My heart today. I am good."

And He is. He is very good!

Chaplain Sam McIntosh—Calgary, Alberta

A Closing Word
From the Canadian Director

Dennis Finnamore

Do you have peace?

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).

What is the meaning of peace? The dictionary defines peace as freedom from disturbance, tranquility, a period where there is no war.

We often define peace in terms of happiness and everything going well—family is fine, health is okay, income affords us a decent living, so we're at peace, right? But all that is circumstantial. If someone were to ask us if we have peace in our life and we are honest with ourselves, the answer would be "sometimes" or even "not really." Peace sometimes can feel like the waves of the ocean—they are all different and you never know what is coming next.

But real peace, long-term peace, is possible. The Bible speaks of a peace that "transcends all understanding," that is not dependent on circumstances or our surroundings, a peace that comes from a relationship with the One the Scriptures call the Prince of Peace, the One who said, "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). It will not necessarily stop trouble or heartache, but it's a peace that will take us through the difficulties of life and override the fears and turmoil with a deep-seated sense of knowing God is with us.

Trucker, when you are driving along the road you can have that peace if you have the Prince of Peace as your co-driver who has you covered. That is true peace. Do you have that peace? If not, please call the number on the cover of this magazine and someone will be glad to talk to you.

About the author: Dennis Finnamore joined the ministry of TFC in 1989 as Regional Director for the Atlantic Provinces. In October of 1991 he added to his duties being chaplain at the chapel in Lutes Mountain. In 1994 he became the Canadian Director of TFC while continuing to minister at the chapel until 2000, when Chaplain Paul Leger assumed the role of lead chaplain at that chapel (now in Salisbury). His goal now is to look for new, creative ways to present the Gospel to those in the trucking community.

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Do you know where you will spend eternity? You can – it's as easy as ABC...

A **Admit that you have sinned.**
"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).
"For the wages of sin is death…" (Romans 6:23a).
God loves us and wants a relationship with us; but He is holy and perfect and our sin separates us from Him.

B **Believe that Jesus paid God's price for our sin when He died on the cross.**
"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
"…but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23b).
God sent Jesus Christ to take the punishment for our sins on Himself, dying on the cross. When He rose from the dead on Easter morning, He broke the power of sin over those who choose to accept Him as their Saviour and Lord.

C **Choose to accept Jesus' sacrifice for you and receive the free gift of forgiveness He offers.**
"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved…For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved'" (Romans 10:9,13).
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

You CAN know where you will spend eternity. If you want to begin a relationship with God and allow Him to become your Forgiver and Saviour, pray this prayer and believe it in your heart: "*God, I know that I have sinned and need forgiveness. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay the price for my sin so I can have a relationship with You. Today I put my trust in You. Become the leader of my life and help me to follow You from today forward. Amen*."

If you prayed this prayer, we would like to help you begin your exciting new journey. Please send us an email to transportforchrist@outlook.com and let us know, so we can help you along this road.

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