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“God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into their nest.

---J G Holland

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Jesus Calling Devotional

Worship Me by living close to Me. This was My original design for man, into who I breathed My very breath of Life. This is My desire for you: that you stay near Me as you walk along your life-path. Each day is an important part of that journey. Although you may feel as if you are going nowhere in this world, your spiritual journey is another matter altogether, taking you along steep, treacherous paths of adventure. That is why walking in the Light of My Presence is essential to keep you from stumbling. By staying close to Me, you present yourself as a living sacrifice. Even the most routine part of your day can be a spiritual act of worship, holy and pleasing to Me.

President's Message



“Are you on your game?”

I would like to share about how my 9 year old son, Evan, is encouraging me. When school started Evan began telling me that he wanted to play football. Since he barely weighs 50 lbs even in the 4th grade, I explained to him that he might be too small, but he was determined that he was going to play regardless. So when the time came to sign up we went to our local parks and recreation department, signed up, and got him a uniform. His excitement was overwhelming, and the first day of practice quickly arrived. On our way to practice, I was trying to prepare him for a disappointing experience (he is one

allowed our player to score a touchdown! When the game was over and we were on our way home, He said to me, “Dad, I was on my game.” He showed a commitment to play the game, a focus on the task at hand, and a willingness to give his best effort. He was indeed “on his game.”

As I thought about his comment, it made me wonder if I am “on my game”. Am I excited about the work I’m doing for Christ? Is the work I’m doing glorifying God? Am I really giving my best effort each and every time?

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of the smallest players on the team), but he wouldn’t hear of it. He believed with all his heart that he not only was going to play but that he was also going to be one of the best players on the team. As I watched him practice I began to have a little more confidence in his abilities and determination to be a good player. By the way, he is on the Florida State Seminoles team! The day for his first game came, and I was more nervous than I have been in a long time. During the game he recovered 2 fumbles and made a block that

I want to encourage you to be on your game and to be excited about your part in sharing the gospel of Jesus to those in your community. Your Job as facilities manager is vital to your church’s ministry, and I pray that you are serving your church and the Lord with a giving spirit. Focus on the task. Be committed to your work. Give your best effort. Be on your game!

Doing His Work,

Jonny O



Dwayne McKean
Vice-President

Personally Speaking

My friends,

Have you ever sat back and considered the amount of knowledge you need to manage a facility? If you have then you know it is vast. As facility managers we must have a working knowledge of pest control, erosion control, electricity, plumbing, construction, glass, flooring, roofing, HVAC, lighting, chemicals, surfaces, playgrounds, passenger vans, tables and chairs, asphalt and concrete, trees and shrubs, budgeting, etc... When you add it all up you can't help but be awestruck. It is even more awesome when you add to the list the need to know OSHA regulations, fire codes, building codes, insurance liability expectations, and more. Then, as if all that was not enough, add the intangibles such as methods for recruiting and hiring employees, relationship tools, motivational skills, public relations, evaluating employees, and so on. Now the awesomeness is off the charts. Why do we do this?

Why do we do such an awesome job when at the same time we have to juggle being a husband or wife, dad or mom, grandparent, brother, sister, or friend? We serve on committees and boards, we coach, we volunteer, we teach. We maintain households. Why would we do such an awesome job at the same time? There are far less time consuming and energy draining jobs. Why? My sincere hope is the answer to your why is because God has called you to do so.

Next month I will begin writing a new column in our newsletter titled, Personally Speaking. The column will be a series of articles that I hope will provide encouragement and motivation as well as tips and practices that will serve to make the awesomeness of what we do a little easier, not just as facility managers but individuals as well. The series will focus on things you will not find in a manual or textbook so you will not see articles on the newest innovations in light bulbs or how to maintain your roof. Instead you will see a mix of series' with topics such as staff relations, managing employees, finding time for family, and keeping God at the center of your life in a demanding career. My prayer is God will use the column to help reduce the feeling of awesomeness of being a church facility manager and allow us to see and experience His awesomeness in our jobs and lives.

I look forward to speaking personally with you,

Dwayne



Dean Johnson
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Dear NACFM Members,

Some of you know Gary Gray. Gary is a friend, an Associate Member of NACFM and a long time supporter of our group. He has spoken to us many times on his expertise in stained glass windows. If you have the book "The Stained Glass Appraisal Guide" it was probably given to you by Gary who happens to be the author.

We saw Gary at WFX in Long Beach and he was skinny as a rail, not as I had remembered him. Several of us were around him when he told us the story of his stomach cancer. He was talking about chemo and said he had a couple of years left. Someone asked him "a couple of years of chemo?" And he said "no, a couple of years to live. He is weak in body but strong in Spirit and Faith.

I asked him to send me some info on what was going on. I told him I would share it with the NACFM and that we would pray for him and encourage him. His letter appears on the next page. When you get the chance, please lift him up.

Thank you for being faithful,

Dean

Dean:

You asked for a health report on me for your membership's information. That was a very kind gesture and I'm delighted to share it with you both.

On January 31 of this year I could not get out of bed as I had lost control of the lower part of my body. Stage 4 stomach cancer was discovered and I then had an operation to remove the major cancer from the stomach (I have about half a stomach left) but it had already gone to the liver. I am completing on Friday the sixth round of chemotherapy to reduce the large tumor in the liver (and so far, it has been reduced by half).

I'll probably have until November before I go in for another round of treatments. I'm able to get around, and those of you who know me, will not be surprised to learn that I'll be traveling the nation visiting churches about stained glass restoration and protection between August and October.

I'd be delighted to hear from all of my friends that I have developed within your organization. I can be reached at 800-821-9595 or gary.gray@sbcglobal.net. In the meantime, I pray God's richest blessings on you, those you love, and your personal ministry.

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