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From the President's Desk



I recently completed a study on the book "The Ten Second Rule" by Clare De Graaf. The premise of the book is: **Just do the next thing you're reasonably certain Jesus wants you to do (and do it within the next ten seconds before you change your mind!).**

A good friend of mine told me how after reading the book he decided to put that into action. He saw a man who looked lost in downtown Ottawa. He thought he should approach the man to see if he needed some assistance. He could have talked himself out of that by thinking the man could simply walk into a store and ask for directions or use his cell phone to ask for some help from someone. However, he put the Ten Second Rule into practice and approached the man to see if he needed some help. The man told him he had just arrived in the country from Jamaica and was a bit lost. He said he had just prayed that God would send him an angel! My friend helped him with directions and went for coffee with him. The man even ended up attending his church. This was a great example of practicing the Ten Second Rule.

Forty-two years ago, I did not practice that rule. I talked myself out of something that I was reasonably certain that Jesus wanted me to do. I've put pen to paper and recounted that story (see page 10). After reading that article, I'm sure you'll agree that the Ten Second Rule would have made things a lot simpler! That article, as well as the article From Our Vault, reminds of the need for and power of intercessory prayer.

Now that things are opening up more, we are looking forward to attending some upcoming events with our FCPO booth such as the Toronto's [Transformative Times](#) and Vancouver's [Serve conference](#). If you're in the area, please stop by and say hi, or better still come out and volunteer to serve at our booth.

God bless,

Ron

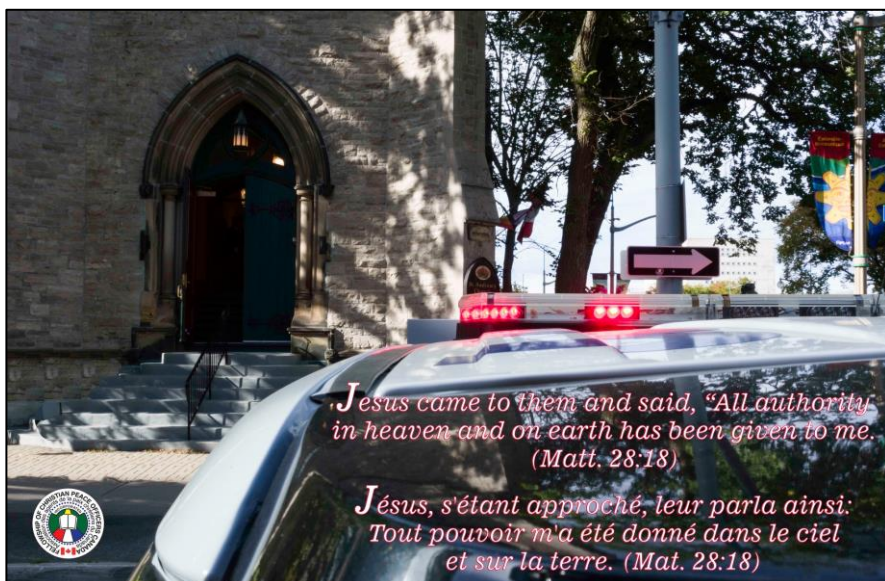
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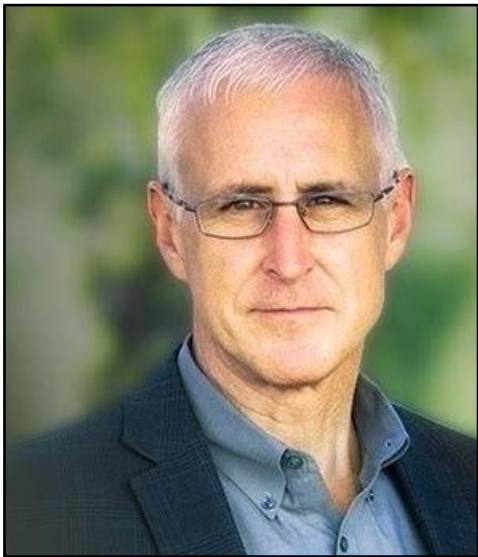


*Jesus came to them and said, "All authority
in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
(Matt. 28:18)*

*Jésus, s'étant approché, leur parla ainsi:
Tout pouvoir m'a été donné dans le ciel
et sur la terre. (Mat. 28:18)*

When Your Identity Is Found In Police Work (Or Anything) Other Than Jesus

Article courtesy of J. Warner Wallace and The Thin Blue Life <http://www.thethinbluelife.com>



J. Warner Wallace

I can still remember my last full day as a police officer. Granted, I still get to consult on high profile cases, but I can still remember the last time I was paid for a day's service as a regular sworn police officer in our law enforcement agency. When I return to act as the investigating officer (IO) for cases now, it will be as a special consultant to assist the police department and district attorney.

I had the great fortune of being able to work my last day with my son, Jimmy. My department hired him in 2011, nearly 50 years to the month after my father was hired in 1961. Jimmy continues a legacy of three Jim Wallace's, all of whom have contributed to our agency as police officers. On my last day, I got back in uniform (as a detective, I typically where a suit) and I worked one last shift with my son in a patrol car. What a day. It was the last time I got the chance to view the streets of our city from the inside of a patrol car. I was blessed to have Jimmy at my side

(and in charge). It had been so many years since I drove a unit through the city that I didn't even try to do much more than enjoy the day and assist Jimmy in whatever small way I could.

We got detailed to a call where a drug addict was trying to jump out of a second floor window in a hotel, to a call of a suspicious object that had to be dismantled by the bomb squad, and we made several vehicle stops. We ate together, talked together and sat together. I will never forget that day.

But it was much more emotional than I anticipated. It was difficult for me. I didn't realize how much this job means to me until I realized I was performing every duty for the very last time. The last time I would put on or take off a uniform. The last time I would enter or exit a police unit. These things were surprisingly tough. I cleaned out my locker and gave a few items to Jimmy; passing on a few small tools and pieces of uniform that he could use going forward.

As I walked to my car for the last time, I realized that too much of my personal identity was wrapped up in my role as a police officer and detective. During much of my career, I was also involved in some form of ministry. I attended and graduated from seminary. I pastored and planted a church. But as I walked to my car I realized that this job, my career in law enforcement, had become the source of who I really am. Walking away for the last time, it seemed like a significant part of me was lost.

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My error, over the last several years as a detective, was in finding my identity in my work. As a man, that's not an uncommon thing, really. If you are also a guy, you know that the topic of your occupation is one of the

first things that men want to talk about. "So, what do you do for a living?" is one of the first questions asked when two men meet each other at a party. Seldom will you ever hear, "So, what's your relationship

to Christ?” For the past 20 years as a Christian, I continued to place my identity in my occupation, even when I swore I would never do that. My last day on the job showed me that I had been deceiving myself.

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So, as I move forward, writing books and speaking around the country, I continue to realign my perception about my own identity and find myself again in Jesus. Is it easier in my new role as a Christian Case Maker? Not always. I know me; it won't be long until my "work" will deviously seek to define me once again. When the question comes at a party, "So, what do you do, Jim?" will I say only, "I'm an author" or "I'm a speaker?" Will I remember that these temporal titles fade in comparison to my eternal identity in Jesus? I hope I can, instead, remember the importance of trusting Jesus, being faithful in even the smallest acts of service, and acknowledging that I am being used by God, not for my own personal glory or identity, but so that God Himself may be glorified and identified to the world around me.

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Cst. Andrew Hong
End of Watch:
September 12, 2022



Cst. Devon Northrup
End of Watch:
October 11, 2022



Cst. Morgan Russell
End of Watch:
October 11, 2022



Cst. Shaelyn Yang
End of Watch:
October 18, 2022

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His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

By: Sgt. Dino Doria (Ret'd), Ontario Director



Sgt. Dino Doria (Rtd.)

This devotional is dedicated to give testimony to God's unchanging character of His Love through answered prayer. His steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord continually demonstrates that His steadfast love endures forever by His ordained order of all things He has created. We are to trust in His steadfast love because it endures forever!

As we read the passages in psalm 136 we are reminded to give thanks to the Lord, it also demonstrates how much He loves us through the wonders of His creation. When we stop to contemplate all that He has done and continues to do for us we are reminded to give thanks to the Lord.

The passages in psalm 136 point us to take inventory of our lives, and by doing so we realize that His love and answers to prayer are a real and present fact that should not be ignored or taken for granted. We should also note that certain scripture verses are repeated in psalm 136 so that it sinks deep in our minds and hearts.

When we begin to appreciate what the Lord has done for us in our daily lives via answered prayer - the words of this psalm become very significant to us as believers - "his steadfast love endures forever".

To the unbeliever it makes them wonder and ask the question - "Can there be such a God"?

Is also a confirmation to us that He wants us to learn to place our trust in Him in all circumstances even when it looks hopeless - some may ask why should we trust God? - Because He will always make a way for us in His way and in His time.

The Lord's ways never contradicts His loving character - His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; and brought Israel out from among them, for his steadfast love endures forever; with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who divided the Red Sea in two, for his steadfast love endures forever; and made Israel pass through the midst of it, for his steadfast love endures forever; but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who led his people through the wilderness, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who struck down great kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever; Sihon, king of the

Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever; and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever; and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever; 22 a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever. It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures 10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt, for his steadfast love endures forever; he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Kind regards

Dino

Dino Doria MSc
FCPO Ontario Director

Thank you Officer



Rev. Don Prince

It was October 24, 1974, this month that one man stood in the gap to help me meet Jesus.

As police officers, active and retired you have stood against the darkness of this world for the protection of people. I thank each one of you for standing in the gap between good and bad.

Sometimes the bad can seem so intense that there appears to be no defense. But there is! As Christians we are not alone in this battle, we have God, the Holy Spirit to help us and guide

us through faith in Jesus Christ. I discovered this 48 years ago this month. I was in despair, wanting to believe Jesus was alive but could not accept this truth. I was afraid to accept His living today in case He was not, and in my pride I could not accept being made a fool.

I was not aware that it was in a spiritual realm that I was being prevented to believe by a spirit of fear and a spirit of doubt.

One day I went to settle matters with a pastor with whom I had become acquainted. Throughout the next three hours he listened, he prayed and I agonized. I often describe the experience of having a black Pluto on one shoulder and a White Pluto (for those who remember those cartoons) whispering in my ears. At one point the pastor said, 'Don, I believe it is time'. He began to pray first claiming the blood of Jesus as a covering over me and then rebuked the spirit of fear and doubt that held me from belief. I consciously heard him praying over and over until one point I cried out, 'Jesus if you are alive please show me!' Jesus in His graciousness did exactly that.

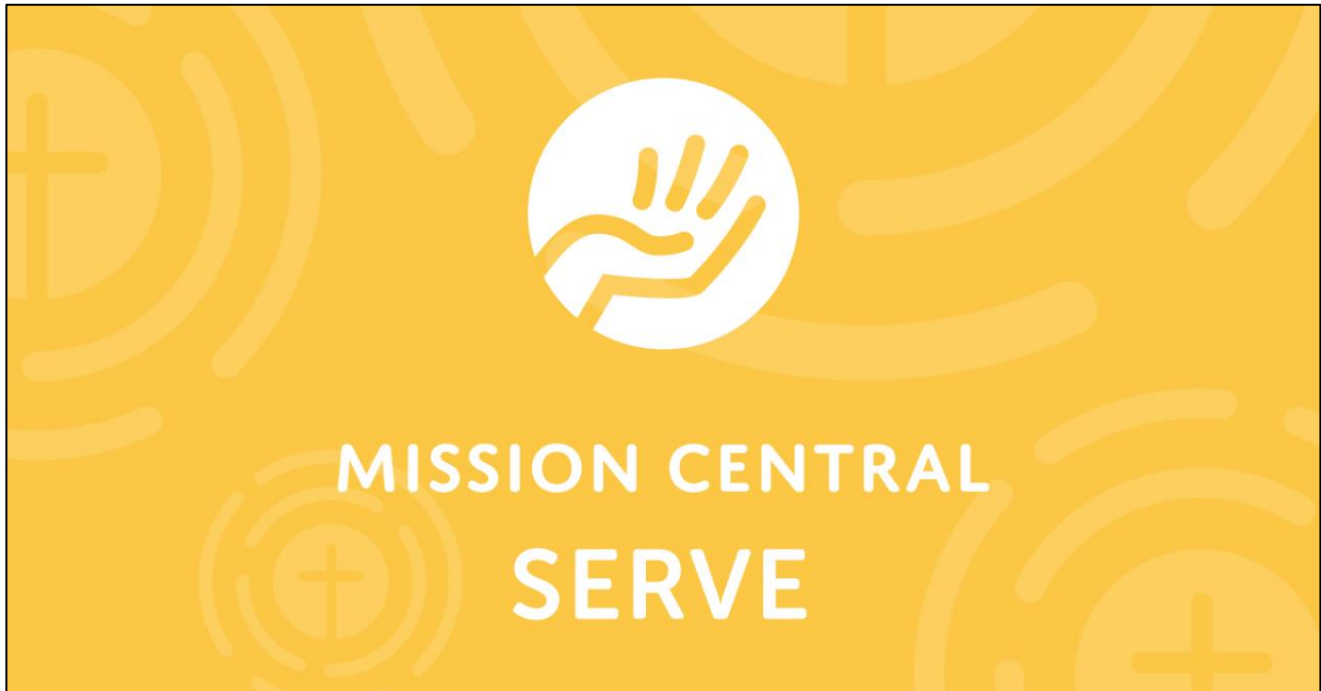
I am fully aware of the weakness of my faith. Reading in St. John 20:29, I have learnt the words of Jesus to Thomas, "Because you have

seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe". However, I also know that Jesus loves me so much that He went to the extreme to help me believe. Because one person stood in the gap and took authority over that which kept me from really calling out to Jesus, I experienced the good over the bad. Both this pastor and I have stepped aside from the pulpit. He is older than my 76 years but I am grateful to be able to call him at least once a year on October 25th. I share this experience in brief

as encouragement to all of you who serve in active service and like me in a quote, 'retirement' status of life.

No matter how dark the world may appear we have a helper in the person of the Holy Spirit who Jesus upon His ascension sent to help us here on earth.

Rev. Don Prince
Waterloo, Ontario



MISSION CENTRAL SERVE

See details on the [conference website](#)

The SERVE conference, previously known as "Missions Fest Vancouver", is an annual gathering of churches, missions agencies, and believers who are passionate about Jesus' mission. They all gather to hear stories about what's happening around the world, connect with others who are involved in missions, learn how to be involved at home or internationally, pray for the work of God in the world, worship together, and more!

The SERVE conference will be happening in-person at the Vancouver Convention Centre on January 27–29, 2023. Tickets will be \$12. Registration will begin in November 2022.

Check out the ministries who will be joining us [here](#).

Come visit our booth!

Christian Warrior's "Duty Belt" of Truth

By: Police Lt. (Ret'd) & Chaplain MC Williams



Lt. MC Williams (Ret'd)

Today I would like to discuss the first piece of a Christian's spiritual body armor -- the "duty belt" of truth.

So why "duty belt"? As I've often shared, the spiritual body armor that Paul describes to us in Ephesians 6:10-18 is DIRECTLY analogous to a 1st century Roman centurion's armor AND our police body armor today. In fact, of all the pieces of armor we'll discuss in this series, the "belt of truth" is perhaps the closest to our duty rigs of today.

Let's break it down briefly here (as I have shared, there are whole books written on the Armor of God):

First, look at v. 14 in context. God, speaking to us through Paul, shares a COMMAND: "stand firm." And just like for us in the academy (basic training, etc.) and field training, He uses repetition to emphasize the importance of "holding the line". Then as now, a peace officer was to be the kind of person who could be relied on to stand firm under pressure.

Now let's look deeper into what God has for us through the concept of our "duty belt" of truth in v. 14. Our duty belts are central to what it means to be a uniformed officer. In fact, without the belt, we become, well, just firemen (*LOL). Seriously, our duty belts send a message that we are armed and ready to take on any threat that comes our way.

The New King James Version of the Bible puts v. 14 thusly: Stand therefore, having girded your waist [MC -- "loins" in the KJV] with truth...

We don't use the word "gird" or "girded" much anymore but this is important for our study. "Gird" what? The loins are one of the strongest parts of our bodies from which we can generate the most power (upper thighs, waist, core, lower back). Anybody who knows anything about powerlifting (I spent many years competing in powerlifting) understands the meaning of putting on a thick lifting belt and "tactically" using your hips, quads and lower back in for the squat and deadlift. And in our police martial arts we train to use our lower body for power in takedowns, strikes, etc.

Likewise, a Roman soldier learned to fight/exert power through his hips because they were the strongest part of his body. Through Paul, God is instructing (training us) that when we cinch up our belts with the truth of His word (the Bible), we will be at our strongest and best position to "stand" firm against our physical (for us cops/combat military personnel) and spiritual adversaries.

"But wait, there's more..."

As we shall see as we proceed through this study on the "whole armor of God", the "duty belt"

serves as an anchor for all the additional pieces of armor and weaponry (stay tuned).

And then what is the meaning of "truth" as used here? Well, as I share often, Scripture interprets Scripture. For example, one of the names for Jesus is "the Truth." In fact, He uses that expression in one of the most important passages of the New Testament in John 14:6 --

*I am the way, the **truth**, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by Me.* (added emphasis)

Without God's TRUTH, there is no salvation (only one truth and one way we can be saved). And if we are not continually "training" in His truth (Bible study, devotion time, etc.) while wearing our duty belts of truth (as we will see through our study, we are NEVER told to take off our spiritual body armor), we will falter when the enemy comes at us.

There are three ways that we buckle (gird) ourselves with the truth.

(1) The first is that of truly KNOWING the person of Christ who is the Truth. Jesus is the embodiment of the truth (again, look at John 14:6). When we come into a genuine, life-saving/life-changing personal relationship with Him, we come to know Truth personified.

(2) The second thing God would have us understand about truth (His truth as revealed to us in His Word - the Bible) is that it is an essential part of having a wholly biblical worldview. When we understand and fully embrace the whole truth about who Jesus is and what He has done for us, Satan will have fewer lies (Jesus calls the devil a murderer and the

"father of lies" -- see John 8:44) and the fiery missiles to throw at us.

(3) The third thing that God would have us understand here is that the belt of truth is a symbol of integrity (as cops, our Law Enforcement Code of Ethics calls us to a life of unwavering integrity both on and off duty). We who are born again in Christ alone (John 3:1-21, 14:6) are called to live according to His Word and that Word is truth.

Let me close this study with a quote from cop-turned-preacher Tony Miano from his book that serves as a resource (the Bible aside) for this series (Take Up the Shield: Comparing the Uniform of the Police Officer & the Armor of God):

"Daily wear the belt of God's truth. Memorize and meditate on the truth of God's Word, so that...Scripture will be ever-present--deep in your heart, at the front of your mind, and on the tip of your tongue. Be known as a person of integrity, one who can be counted on to tell the truth regardless of the circumstances. You will be far better equipped to stand firm and fight in spiritual battles."

Finally (v. 10), understand that this passage and the spiritual armor and weapons described here are available ONLY to born again believers ("Christians" as God alone gets to describe it). In fact, if you are an unbeliever (non-Christian), you are utterly helpless against the enemy's attacks (John 15:5 and many other passages). So is that you? Are you right with God today? Are you sure? If not, I implore you, surrender to Him in faith NOW while you still can.

Let's stand firm and fully armored up and in the fight behind Christ our Captain.



[The Centurion Law Enforcement Ministry](#) is a non-denominational, evangelical Christian outreach by, for and about law enforcement (police, deputies, investigators, probation/parole, corrections, etc.) and military personnel. TCLEM is affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (FCPO) and provides Bible-based support, fellowship and accountability for officers worldwide. We also seek to infuse Christian servant-leadership into our profession and equip the Christian officer to boldly share and live the Gospel.

Fiona

By: Ron Mostrey, FCPO - Canada President



In the first week of October, in my capacity as a chaplain with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) [Rapid Response Team](#) (RTT), I had the privilege of deploying with [Samaritan's Purse](#), as they helped PEI residents deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona. There is certainly a lot of damage there from the storm and it is anticipated that the cleanup will continue at least for the rest of the year.



42 Years Later

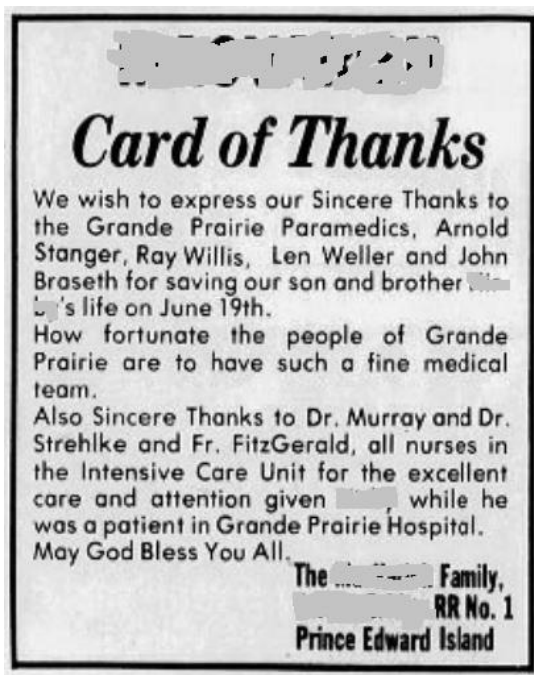
By: Ron Mostrey, FCPO - Canada President

On a warm summer night on June 19th, 1980, I was called to a single vehicle rollover collision in Grande Prairie, Alberta. Upon arrival, I saw a young man pinned underneath the cab of his pickup truck. In those days, it was not mandatory to wear a seatbelt. He had been ejected from the truck with the cab of the truck landing squarely on top of him. I could only see his legs and a bit of his torso.



It was eerily quiet, as I waited for the ambulance. It had the sense of it being a fatal. I could see he was breathing but had no access to him. Then he stopped breathing. I turned around and saw the ambulance arriving on the scene. We pushed the truck over and loaded him onto a spinal board and into the ambulance, all the time I was providing him with breaths via an Ambu Bag while the paramedics worked on administering drugs. The young man was ashen grey.

Shortly after putting him in the ambulance, more paramedics arrived and I was able to leave the ambulance. As I closed the ambulance door I said a quick but sincere prayer for the young man. I knew he needed divine intervention, and he needed it now! I then went back to my work as other officers arrived. We photographed and measured up the scene fully understanding that we were most likely looking at a fatal.



After completing the recording of the scene, I attended at the hospital. The doctor did not give him great chances for living and said if he did live he would probably have brain damage. His lungs had collapsed and he had internal injuries. I was fairly junior in service, but had already attended a fair number of serious injury and fatal collisions, it seemed this would be just another.

On July 30th I was surprised to read an ad taken out by his parents in the local newspaper. The young man had not received any life-altering injuries. They thanked the doctors, paramedics, and ICU nurses for the care they had provided, and ended their note with "May God bless you all". I perceived that he must have had praying parents that were covering him with prayer on the other side of the country. They noted their address in Prince Edward Island.

* Not the actual accident scene

At the time, I felt I should write to them and confirm that indeed their prayers were of consequence, however, I thought that might be viewed as unprofessional, so I did not.

Several years later, I re-thought it and decided I should write to the parents. However, by then the file had been destroyed and thus I did not have any contact information. Fast forward 15 years - I was at a FCPO conference in New Brunswick and knew I would be visiting PEI the next day. I remembered the name of the small town where the parents were from. I made some enquiries and managed to locate his brother and his parents. By “coincidence” the young man who I had encountered in Alberta was home for a week for the first time in 15 years! I was invited over for a fine meal and had a great visit. His brother and I prayed with the young man and told him the Lord had his hands on him that night 15 years earlier.

Now... fast forward another 25 years, and in October this year, I found myself in PEI again. Not that I’m a stalker, but I felt the need to track down the parents again! With the help of a Samaritan’s Purse local volunteer and a couple phone calls, I was connected with the man’s sister, brother-in-law and mother. His father had passed away last year. I was invited to visit with them and I enjoyed a couple hours of warm fellowship with them. His mother is now 91. She remembers in great detail the day she got the dreaded call from the doctor in Grande Prairie. He advised her not to come out to Alberta, as he gave her son no chances of survival. She and her husband went anyway. She said she did not know whether her son would live or die, but placed her trust in the Lord and His will.



So, all this to say that after 42 years, I still remember the power of intercessory prayer. I think I could have saved myself a lot of trouble if I had just written them “back in the day”, however it was great spending time with the family.

The young man is now 63 years old and still works in the oil patch in Alberta. I think I will always remember him and his lovely and faithful family.



First Responders Appreciation BBQs

On September 17th, we were pleased to again participate in the third Annual First Responders Appreciation BBQs which were held at four Divisions of the Peel Regional Police and at Toronto Police Service Division 11.



L-R Cst. Nick Yun, Brian Prill, Sgt. Marc Levabre (Ret'd)

The event was again spearheaded by Toronto lawyer [Brian Prill](#), - a Grill Master Extraordinaire, with a deep understanding and support for the First Responders' work. Folks like Brian and the multitude of volunteers from local churches and organizations blessed the responders with an outstanding variety of grilled cuisine.

As in previous years, the only rule given to the grill masters was "no hot dogs or hamburgers."

Events like this remind us that behind the "Thin Blue Line" are many who appreciate the daily commitment of those who protect and serve.



Peel Division 21 BBQ



Rev. John C. Kurish (Ret'd RCMP) at Toronto PS Division 11

Aspiring Next Generation Police Officers

By: [Cst. Bruce Ewanyshyn, Brandon Police Service Chaplain](#)



Today was a very special day for me. By invitation, I attended our local college at the outset of an eight-month course that serves as an employment prerequisite for local policing.

I am so thankful and appreciative of the person who invited me. It is an incredible honour and privilege to have an opportunity to speak into the lives of young people who are aspiring to serve and protect communities

such as Brandon, or others across Canada through the RCMP, OPP, Manitoba First Nations Police, WPS, or wherever their journey may land them.

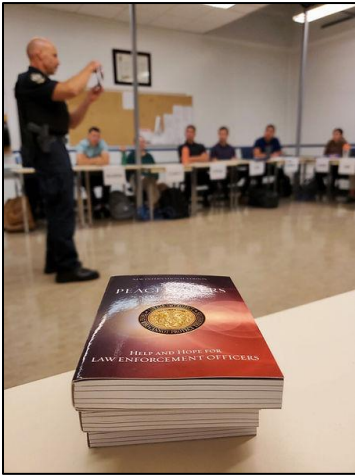
For many of the 17 students, this was their first introduction to police chaplaincy, and to listen to the challenges within the journey of a 32-year policing career - my first 17 years policing without Jesus and now 15 wonderful years with my Savior.

Many years ago, I began pondering how beneficial it would have been for me if a veteran police officer would have spoken into my life at the outset of my policing career and shared snippets of their hardships and victories. Thus, I purposed over a decade ago that I would be the person to begin that conversation with the students before I exposed them to any teachings pertaining to the world of police forensics.

Policing will change you regardless of your morals, values and education; it's whether you can recognize the changes and then have the boldness, courage and humility to deal with them head on - that will be the difference maker regarding the longevity of your policing career and the quality of your life. Today, I shared many things including what I've learned about the triune being - spirit, soul, and body. We must pay close attention to all three for God our Creator placed these within our very essence according to His perfect plan and purpose for our lives.

As chaplains we are caregivers, ones to bring awareness to things concealed while speaking words of life and encouragement to police officers, their families, and our civilian support staff. We need

family and we need each other and for those of us who have embraced a faith life, we know we need God each and every day.



I informed them of [Project Sword](#) and a few students received the specially prepared books designed for peace officers containing testimonies from officers combined with the NIV Bible translation. They were encouraged to access our [Canadian Police Chaplain Association](#) website to acquire multi-faith information and resources.

I concluded the presentation with prayer because I believe in the life changing power of prayer. Every moment of my time at the college today was a privilege. To answer the call to serve and protect life and property in a world filled with individuals exhibiting drug induced violent behavior and flagrant displays of hatred towards police, requires boldness and courage and incredible strength of character. Therefore, we owe it to these young men and women aspiring to become police officers to ensure that they move forward with eyes wide open, not with fear, but with peace and confidence knowing that all things are possible to those who believe.

I know where my strength comes from and my prayer is that they too will lean on a strength that goes beyond human comprehension and beyond self. To God be the glory.



Blanketed by comfort and peace

By: [Cst. Bruce Ewanyshyn, Brandon Police Service Chaplain](#)

Greg is a precious brother in our law enforcement community who has served with the Brandon PS



since 1989. In Dec 2019, cancer sidelined Greg's policing career. Currently he is fighting his third battle against cancer while receiving radiation and chemo. He has undergone two prior operations between then and now.

Greg has given me his blessing to share this photo taken yesterday and he welcomes others to pray believing with us for a miracle.

One miracle has already taken place and that is the miracle of salvation. Upon his request, two weeks ago, I had the privilege of leading Greg in a prayer of salvation. In the midst of the joy of him saying yes to Jesus, I felt a beautiful presence of God fill the hospital room. Greg shared how he felt blanketed by comfort and peace.

Afterwards, I shared with him that several people have been praying for him over the span of two years; God is faithful to answer our prayers.

There is another prayer we are praying and that is for the Lord to heal Greg's body. A desire in his heart is to once again put on the uniform and protect the community of Brandon. As fellow believers, I ask that the FCPO family consider lifting Greg up in prayer believing for another miracle to take place. There are many officers and civilians in the Brandon PS family who would like to once again hear the sound of Greg's excited voice fill the lineup room. His sense of humor has brought much laughter to so many and he has always been a brother who is easy to love.

Courtesy of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, I've been able to provide Greg with a NIV Bible uniquely packaged so that it's appealing to peace officers.

I am looking forward to more conversations with Greg regarding the goodness and unconditional love God has for this amazing man! 1 Chronicles 16:34 **"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."**

My sincerest appreciation extends to all across our nation and beyond, who continue to keep all police officers across Canada in prayer for safety and protection for them and their families, their hearts and minds, and for their marriages.



From our Vault

Articles from [past Peacemakers](#) make for a great second read. And for many of you - the first read. They are timeless. We opened the vault for this issue, and hope you will be blessed again by this contribution.

The Indispensable Ingredient

By: Norm Brown

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There it was staring me in the face. My heart twisted inside me as I reread the church bulletin, because God was firing each word at me in explanation, accusation and exhortation: "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. "He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks our wisdom, BUT trembles when we pray!" (Samuel Chadwick).

Once again God was urgently pointing out to me the one indispensable but all too often missing ingredient in this Christian's life - prayer. Oh, I knew, as I'm very sure most all of you realize that the fervent prayer in Christ's authority is the only means of moving the resources of heaven into the temporal sphere (John 14:13 - 14). I also knew we are commanded to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and that faithful prayer accounted for the phenomenal success of the early church (Acts 4:31), as the apostles, as our examples, illustrated by their lives (e.g., Eph. 1:16). I was aware of the spiritual principle of the necessity of sowing spiritual seed watered by prayer, rather than by human effort (Gal. 6:8; 1 Cor. 3:11-15). And I even stood in awe of the privilege of being able to directly communicate with

Almighty God through Christ (Heb. 4:16), not to mention the responsibility of being able to wrestle for the redemption of a devastated humanity (Matt. 18:18, 19).

Perhaps like you, I knew all these things and more, but yet I still have trouble getting down to the business of intercessory prayer for hurting people and the work of God. When I read Chadwick's thought that the devil was laughing at my efforts for God because of my prayerlessness, it galled me. NO ONE LIKES TO BE LAUGHED AT AND MOCKED! And yet it helped me, for I want, more than anything else, my life to count for God's glory in helping others discover the riches of Christ.

Therefore, with me, I urge you before God to make a fresh commitment to apply the indispensable ingredient of fervent prayer to every circumstance of life, especially when we consider the deadly and perpetual consequences of the spiritual warfare that is raging around us for the lives of all people.

Let us not only read the "prayer verses", but with God's help, start obeying His Word.

"Here are my directions; pray much for others; plead for God's mercy upon them; give thanks for all He is going to do for them". (1 Timothy 2:1, Living Bible).

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