

# **A Visit with the Man Behind the Books**

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I. Introduction to the Navigators.

II. Positions with the Navigators.

III. Life story review.

IV. Influence of air craft writing experience on style of writing religious books.

V. Books.

A. Pursuit of Holiness.

1. Themes of dependency and responsibility. (Romans 8)

2. The chapter I would have written was how God's grace covers us in our failure.

B. The Practice of Godliness. (Ephesians 4)

1. We're not only called to put off sin, but also put on godliness.

C. True Fellowship (The Crisis of Caring).

1. Fellowship in the church- sharing with one another as partners.

D. Trusting God Even When Life Hurts.

1. God's sovereignty.

2. God's love.

3. God's wisdom.

E. The Joy of Fearing God.

1. Fearing God is a common term in the Bible.

a. It does not mean to be afraid, but to be in awe (Psalm 139)

2. Fearing God, understanding His character, aids our enjoyment of Him.

F. Transforming Grace.

1. God's grace applies all throughout our Christian lives- it is His continued acceptance of us through Jesus.

G. The Discipline of Grace.

1. The relationship between our responsibility in practicing the spiritual disciplines and God's grace.

H. Centrifugal/centripetal force insights.

1. We must see both God's holiness/justice and his love/mercy/grace to have a balanced view of God.

VI. How tragedy affected my outlook on God.

A. I had to apply the scriptural truths from "Trusting God Even When Life Hurts."