



Voice in the Wilderness

The Almighty Boss

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I was looking for a job one day . I was searching for a job just to take care of some problems that I had. I didn't want anything long-term or anything that required a lot of discipline. That was not my style.

Some close friends of mine told me about a job that sounded great, so I decided to check it out. They told me that I would have an awesome Boss and learn to love all of my supervisors. It seemed a little demanding, but had a lot of great benefits. I still wasn't sure that it was for me.

I went to the orientation thinking that maybe I would work there for a just a little while. At the orientation one of the Boss' right hand men, Pastor Tom Thompson, was telling me all about the job, what was required of me on the job and what the benefits would be. It sounded like a great deal.

My first month was a probationary period, just to see if I would work out . It was very difficult at times, but I learned a lot. They gave me a handbook (the Bible) and told me how to contact the Boss (God) if I had any questions. I also learned that if I was going to get to meet the Boss I was going to have to do a lot of changing and start obeying my supervisors.

Well change began. I had to lose my pride and humble myself. I had to learn to serve and learn to obey. I caught on pretty quickly. I had already started to reap some of the benefits on a personal level. I was starting to feel pretty good about this job when I found out that I was being transferred from orientation to on-the- job training. My first few weeks were exciting and I couldn't wait to meet the Boss. I just didn't know when. So I kept on working diligently until that day came.

That day arrived. When I met Him I couldn't see him; I could only hear Him. I could tell he knew everything about me— even before the day I was born. He knew everything I had been through, all the changes I had made and the seriousness I had in my heart about the job. The Boss and I have had some really good talks since then. Recently we talked and He asked me if I was ready for a promotion. I discussed it with Him and He told me to just do it and not to ask any questions. Then He told me that from now on that as long as I work for Him that I would be on call to do what ever He asks -when ever He asks. So I accepted.

I got my first on-call assignment on May 29th , 2008. He sent me to do a very difficult task. I walked into the James Cancer Clinic. In the bed was my stepfather, the man who raised me. My mother was in the chair beside the bed holding his hand. The doctors had given him two weeks to live at most. He had never wanted any thing to do with God. Neither he, nor my mom were saved The Boss sent one of his best workers (the Holy Spirit) with me to give me a spirit of power, of love and a sound mind and to help me when needed. When the time came I was able to perform the task and lead them both to Jesus Christ. Both my mom and stepdad are now saved. My stepfather is gone now but I know that I will see him again in heaven.

Even though I couldn't see the Boss I knew he was right there watching me and cheering me on. The reward I got for completing this assignment was immeasurable! I now have a job for life. I love being on-call for the most awesome Boss. I cant wait for my next assignment!

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What is the Refuge ?

The Refuge is a 13 month opportunity for men 18 and over, struggling with addictions or who just feel hopeless and lost.

The goal of the Refuge:

- Restore men to God through spiritual discipleship using a complete discipleship training curriculum and imitating the Paul-Timothy model
- Restore men to their family through Christ-centered counseling and mediation
- Restore men to their community through community service and outreach, and marketplace ministry training developing tangible, marketable job skills and experience
- Restore men to themselves through education and creating ongoing accountability partnerships



Prayer Requests!

- Consistent monthly financial contributors
- Hay for livestock
- Phone Cards—prepaid
- Gasoline—prepaid cards

Save the Date!



- October 4, 12-4 pm, **Vinton County Farm Open House.** See the new Transformation Center & enjoy light refreshments.
- November 14, 6:30 pm, **Night of Champions Graduation Celebration.** Call for more information!

Going and Making More by Don Anderson, Intern

What God is doing in Columbus is nothing short of the New Testament model of the church. The men who are in Columbus have been growing in the Lord's grace. The faith they claim, is modeled everyday by the way they live their lives. James 2:17 says that faith without works is dead. James goes on to say that it is impossible to separate the two. He says that faith by itself proves nothing but faith demonstrated through good works is a demonstration of true faith.

The men in Columbus have been exhibiting their faith by not only right living, but also showing the increase of their faith by fulfilling the great commission in Matthew 28:19-20. We have been going out several times a week into the community-visiting homeless shelters, drug rehabs, churches, even talking to people on street corners—anywhere we can share the Gospel and tell people about the marvelous works of Christ. We have truly realized it is more blessed to give than receive. Every day, the Lord opens new doors and we increase in numbers. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

