

TALKING POINTS FOR  
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE  
AT THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY CALVARY CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA  
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\* PINCHHITTER FOR B BUSH - EUROPE TOMORROW  
W/HUSBAND

\* SPECIAL HONOR TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES  
OF CALVARY - GREAT RESPECT FOR ROSS & CAROL;  
YOU'RE MAKING SUCH A DIFF. IN SO MANY LIVES -  
PROGRAMS HAVE SUCH FAR-REACHING EFFECT.

I AM REMINDED OF A STORY OF AN ITINERANT  
PASTOR, WHO WAS RETIRING AFTER YEARS OF  
CIRCUIT RIDING, AND WAS FORCED TO SELL HIS  
HORSE. HE CAUTIONED THE BUYER THAT THE HORSE  
OBEYED ONLY THE INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD TAUGHT  
HIM: "AMEN" TO MAKE HIM STOP, AND "PRAISE  
THE LORD," TO MAKE HIM GO.

\* THE NEW OWNER TOOK THE HORSE OUT FOR A  
RIDE, AND WHILE GALLOPING ALONG, HE SUDDENLY  
REALIZED HE WAS HEADING FOR A STEEP CLIFF.  
FRANTICALLY SEARCHING HIS MEMORY FOR THE  
PROPER WORDS TO STOP THE HORSE, AND JUST A  
FEW YARDS FROM THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF, HE  
FINALLY YELLED, "AMEN!"

THE HORSE SKIDDED TO A HALT. THANKFULLY  
MOPPING HIS BROW, THE MAN HEAVED A SIGH OF  
RELIEF. "PRAISE THE LORD," HE SAID.



\* MANY OF US HAVE FOUND OURSELVES IN THE SAME SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT PASTOR -- JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT OUR JOURNEY WAS OVER, IT WAS REALLY JUST BEGINNING.

\* SHARED W/YOU IN 1982 MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY - & THE STRUGGLE I HAD TO DISCERN GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE - CABINET POSITION; WHERE DOES HE WANT ME? WHAT IS HIS WILL RATHER THAN MY OWN AGENDA. MY PASTOR'S SERMON ON GOD'S WILL, REALIZED I WAS MAKING SOME PROGRESS IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH WHEN THOSE I CHOSE TO TALK WITH ABOUT CABINET POSITION WERE CHRISTIAN FRIENDS RATHER THAN CAREER COUNSELORS & MENTORS.

\* IT WAS A GREAT SOURCE OF JOY TO ME THAT I WAS LED TO SEEK, WITH SEVERAL CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE. I COULD NOT IMAGINE UNDERTAKING SUCH A TASK IF IT WERE NOT WITHIN HIS PLAN FOR ME -- FOR I KNEW IT WOULD REQUIRE STRENGTH, WISDOM AND COURAGE BEYOND MY OWN.

\* I STILL STRUGGLE W. HOW WE MAKE CERTAIN WE'RE IN HIS WILL; BUT I'M CONVINCED THAT AS LONG AS I TRULY DESIRE TO DO HIS WILL, MY LOVING FATHER WILL LEAD ME IN THE PATH HE HAS CHOSEN, WHET. I'M AWARE OF IT OR NOT.

\* JEREMIAH 27:11: "BUT THE NATIONS THAT BRING THEIR NECK UNDER THE YOKE OF THE KING OF BABYLON, AND SERVE HIM, THOSE WILL I LET REMAIN STILL IN THEIR OWN LAND, SAITH THE LORD; AND THEY SHALL TILL IT, AND DWELL THEREIN."

\* EACH OF US HAS A MINISTRY. IT NEEDN'T BE HOUSED IN A CHURCH OR GARBED IN ROBES. WHATEVER OUR CAREERS, OUR INFLUENCE AS EXAMPLES OF GOD'S GRACE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MANY LIVES. THE WORLD IS RIPE FOR MEN AND WOMEN OF FAITH WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING, RECOGNIZING THAT THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD MAY HAVE BROUGHT THEM TO SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

\* DOT HAS PROVEN TO BE A MISSION FIELD FOR ME



- IN SHORT TIME I HAVE TO MAKE A DIFF. FOR PEOPLE.

\* SAFETY (SAVING LIVES, PREVENTING DISABILITY, CRIPPLING INJURIES) AS AT TOP OF LIST.

\* MOST CHALLENGING PUBLIC POLICY ISSUE I'VE EVER DEALT WITH: RULE 208 - SPAWNED 19 STATE SEAT BELT LAWS -- INCLUDING ONE IN NORTH CAROLINA. WE NOW HAVE PRELIMINARY DATA FOR SIX OF THE STATES WHICH HAD A MANDATORY SAFETY BELT LAW IN EFFECT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IN 1985 -- DATA WHICH INDICATE OVER 200 LIVES HAVE BEEN SAVED IN THESE STATES BECAUSE OF THAT LAW. BELT USE IS ALSO INCREASING NATIONWIDE, EVEN IN STATES WITHOUT BELT LAWS.

\* WE'RE SEEING POSITIVE RESULTS: IN A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF NEWSDAY LAST YEAR, A NEW YORK RESIDENT (THE FIRST STATE TO PASS A BELT LAW) TOLD HOW SHE JOKINGLY TOLD HER BOYFRIEND THAT, "WE BETTER BUCKLE UP BEFORE WE GET A TICKET." SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION WITH NO



INJURIES. SHE WROTE, "I'M THANKFUL THAT I LIVE IN A STATE WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHO ARE PAVING THE WAY FOR OUR COUNTRY."

\* KEVIN O'HANLON, A 17 YEAR OLD, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN NEW YORK, WAS ALIVE TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BECAUSE HE WORE HIS SAFETY BELT DURING A CRASH ON AN ICY ROAD LAST MARCH. BY HIS OWN ADMISSION HE WOULD HAVE NEVER HAVE WORN A SAFETY BELT IF NEW YORK HAD NOT HAD A SAFETY BELT LAW. HE WROTE TO THE GOVERNOR SAYING, "THE CAR WAS TOTALED. THE ROOF WAS CRUSHED, WINDSHIELD SHATTERED, AND THE DOOR FRAMES WERE BENT. THANKS TO YOU, I AM ABLE TO SIT HERE AND WRITE THIS LETTER. I HAD MY SAFETY BELT ON."

\* DIFF. ATMOSPHERE TODAY: ROGER SMITH & AIR BAGS - 10 YRS. AGO NEVER WOULD HAVE SEEN COMPANIES WITH TWO-PAGE SPREADS IN THE NEWSWEEKLY MAGAZINES ON THE BENEFITS OF LACERATED WINDSHIELDS AND HIGH-MOUNTED STOP LIGHTS.



\* BEHAVIOR OF THE DRIVER: AGE 21 (NORTH CAROLINA HAS AGE 21 -- WILL BE FULLY EFFECTIVE SEPT. 1986); TRAGEDY & HEARTBREAK OF DRUNK DRIVING; A YOUNG BOY, WAITING FOR THE ICE CREAM TRUCK, WAS KILLED BY A DRUNK DRIVER WITH SIX PRIOR CONVICTIONS FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: -- ISN'T THIS AN OUTRAGE. MANDRELL; AND WE WILL FIGHT UNTIL EVERY LAST DRUNK DRIVER IS OFF THE ROADS AND HIGHWAYS OF THIS COUNTRY.

\* MADD, SADD, BADD, DADD (DEALERS AGAINST); EVEN A NEW ONE: DRUNKS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS! PLEASE JOIN US!

\* DESIGN OF VEHICLE: HIGH MOUNTED LIGHT

\* TRUCKS: MULTIPLE LICENSE, CLASSIFIED LICENSE. CONSIDER THE CASE OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WHICH STRUCK -- FROM THE REAR -- THREE PARKED VEHICLES. THE TRUCK DRIVER HAD TWO DRIVER'S LICENSES IN HIS POSSESSION: ONE FROM COLORADO AND ONE FROM NEW YORK. HIS COLORADO LICENSE HAD TWO VIOLATIONS: ONE FOR FAILING TO OBSERVE A TRAFFIC SIGN AND ONE FOR



SPEEDING. HIS LICENSE ISSUED FROM NEW YORK WAS UNDER SUSPENSION. THE CO-DRIVER ALSO HAD TWO DRIVER'S LICENSES IN HER POSSESSION: ONE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, CONTAINING ONE SPREADING VIOLATION, AND ONE FROM KANSAS, CURRENTLY SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF NO FEWER THAN SIX MOVING VIOLATIONS. THE TRUCK DRIVER AND THREE OTHER PEOPLE DIED IN THE ACCIDENT. HIS CO-DRIVER AND ANOTHER PERSON WAS INJURED. THIS IS AN OUTRAGE.

\* ALCOHOL & DRUGS ON RR: CAN YOU IMAGINE AN ENGINEER OPERATING A TRAIN UNDER THE INFLUENCE?

\* THE GOVERNMENT STRUGGLED FOR 12 YEARS, TRYING TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE OF A STRONG ALCOHOL AND DRUG RULE FOR THE RAILROAD INDUSTRY. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW IMPORTANT I FEEL THIS IS -- A RAILROAD ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COULD HAVE A TRAGIC AND DISASTROUS IMPACT ON A COMMUNITY.



\* ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE HAS CAUSED 48 ACCIDENTS, CAUSING OVER \$34 MILLION IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

\* AS MANY OF YOU MAY REMEMBER, IN THE EARLY DAWN OF SEPTEMBER 28, 1982, A TRAIN CARRYING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PASSING THROUGH A QUIET LOUISIANA TOWN DERAILED. THE COMMUNITY AWOKE TO SEE THE SKY ABOVE THEIR HOMES FILLED WITH SMOKE FROM THE RAGING FLAMES OF THE BURNING WRECKAGE. ALMOST 3,000 PEOPLE IN THE AREA WERE FORCED TO EVACUATE. CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD, WAS ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT OF THE ENGINEER.

\* AIR SAFETY: EACH DAY 14,000 SCHEDULED FLIGHTS, ONE MILLION PASSENGERS, 99.999%; EVER SAFER.

\* ANOTHER AREA REWARDING TO ME: COAST GUARD. PROUD TO BE FIRST WOMAN TO HEAD BRANCH OF ARMED FORCES -- CG -- (HUMOR): SEARCH AND RESCUE . HAITIANS: 1/28/86: AN EMERGENCY TASK FORCE OF 150 COAST GUARD PERSONNEL IN

CUTTERS, HELICOPTERS, BOATS AND PLANES MONDAY COMPLETED THE RESCUE OF 70 PANICKY HAITIANS FLEEING FROM THEIR IMPOVERISHED HOMELAND IN A STORM-TOSSED SAILBOAT THAT WAS SINKING ABOUT 20 MILES EAST OF MIAMI.

\* SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST TO ME: WOMEN AT DOT - MY EXPERIENCE AT HLS -. MY COLLEAGUES AT HARVARD SEEMED TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT THE FIGURE OF JUSTICE IS A WOMAN. THEY SEEMED OBLIVIOUS TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIERS THEY HAD ERECTED, IGNORANT OF THE FEARS THEY INSPIRED OR THE DOUBTS THEY NURTURED.

\* HAVE COME LONG WAY BUT HAVE NOT REACHED MILLENIUM - (DAY CARE CENTER).

\* I WANT TO SHARE W. YOU THOUGHTS OF JIM BAKER, FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND NOW OUR TREASURY SECRETARY. COMMENTS HE MADE RECENTLY IN HIS HOME CHURCH IN HOUSTON:

--AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND THIS PAST YEAR AS TREASURY SECRETARY, I'VE GAINED A VALUABLE PERSPECTIVE. I'VE CONCLUDED THAT PEOPLE OF



EVERY LEVEL AND STATION IN LIFE DESIRE AFFIRMATION AND RECOGNITION.

-- I'M ALSO DISCOVERING THAT TRUE PERSONAL SECURITY FLOWS FROM WITHIN. A SECURE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST PROVIDES US WITH OUR ONLY REAL FULFILLMENT -- AND THAT RELATIONSHIP COMES ONLY THROUGH FAITH.

-- PASCAL REMARKED THERE IS A "GOD-SHAPED VACUUM IN THE HEART OF EACH MAN." WASHINGTON IS CERTAINLY A CITY THAT BEARS POWERFUL WITNESS TO THE EMPTINESS OF A LIFE DIVORCED FROM FAITH.

-- MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE WASHINGTON IS A CITY THAT REVOLVES AROUND "POWER."

-- TEMPORAL POWER IS FLEETING; IF YOU TRY TO BUILD YOUR LIFE ON THE ACQUISITION OF POWER ALONE, ALL OF WHAT YOU HAVE WILL CRUMBLE IN YOUR HANDS.

-- WHO OF US CAN NAME ANY POLITICAL FIGURE OF THE FIRST CENTURY AFTER CHRIST? YET ALL OF US REMEMBER THOSE DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST: PETER, JAMES, JOHN, LUKE, AND



OTHERS. ONLY THINGS OF THE SPIRIT ARE OF ENDURING SIGNIFICANCE.

\* SOMETIMES CHALLENGES SEEM INSURMOUNTABLE: HOW AM I GLORIFYING GOD AS I SELL A FREIGHT RR, TRANSFER AIRPORTS OUT OF FED. GOVT., DEREG. TRUCKING? STRIVING TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD, HONEST MANNER, WITHOUT HIDDEN AGENDA AND WITHOUT COMPROMISING YOUR PRINCIPLES. GOD'S PATH IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE RESULT THAT IS ACHIEVED.

\* R. REAGAN AS GOV.: RECALLS HOW HE FIRST LEARNED TO DEAL WITH ENORMOUS CHALLENGE AND STRESS AS A NEWLY-ELECTED GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. "EACH MORNING BEGAN," HE SAYS, "WITH SOMEONE STANDING BEFORE MY DESK DESCRIBING YET ANOTHER DISASTER. THE FEELING OF STRESS BECAME UNBEARABLE. I HAD THE URGE TO LOOK OVER MY SHOULDER FOR SOMEONE I COULD PASS THE PROBLEM TO. ONE DAY IT CAME TO ME THAT I WAS LOOKING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. I LOOKED UP INSTEAD OF BACK. I'M STILL LOOKING UP. I COULDN'T FACE ONE DAY IN THIS OFFICE



IF I DIDN'T KNOW I COULD ASK GOD'S HELP!"  
LET US NEVER FORGET THE SOURCE OF OUR  
STRENGTH AND COURAGE.

\* THRU CHRISTIAN WITNESS, PERSONAL LIFE, YOUR  
CAREER AGENDA, IMP. THING TO REMEMBER IS OUR  
REMAINING TIME IS VERY SHORT AND SO ARE THE  
OPPOR. FOR DOING THE LORD'S WORK. WHETHER  
YOUR 18 OR 80 TIME IS SHORT: 1 CORINTHIANS 7

\* LOVING, CARING CHURCH -- BAUMAN TELECAST,  
SILENT RETREAT

\* MONDAY GROUP OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDS: JIM  
BAKER'S GROUP - (BAKER QUOTE FOLLOWS):

\* "I'VE CERTAINLY DISCOVERED THAT I NEED THE  
PERSONAL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF FELLOW  
BELIEVERS. BUT IN ALL CANDOR I HAVE TO ADMIT  
THAT I USED TO THINK THAT IF YOU WERE STRONG  
YOU DIDN'T NEED ANYONE.

\* YOU'VE HAD THOSE CONVERSATIONS WITH  
AGNOSTICS OR ATHEISTS, JUST LIKE I HAVE.  
THEY'LL TELL YOU THAT RELIGIOUS FAITH IS A  
CRUTCH, THAT ONLY WEAK PEOPLE NEED SUPPORT.  
IF THAT'S WEAKNESS, THEN BY EXTENSION ANYONE

WHO REQUIRES THE OTHER ESSENTIALS OF LIFE -- AIR, FOOD, SHELTER -- IS WEAK TOO. THE LESSON IS SO ELOQUENT ON THIS POINT. GOD MADE US AND PUT US IN A LAND THAT FLOWS WITH MILK AND HONEY AND HAS GIVEN US THE FIRSTFRUITS OF THE LAND, THE THINGS WE NEED IN ORDER TO LIVE. BUT HE HAS ALSO GIVEN US THE ABILITY TO REJOICE IN HIS LOVE AND IN OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH ALL MANKIND.

\* I MEET EACH WEEK WITH A SMALL GROUP OF MEN FOR FELLOWSHIP. THEY ARE ALL PRETTY NORMAL GUYS WHO JUST HAPPEN TO HOLD POSITIONS OF POWER AND INFLUENCE IN WASHINGTON. THE MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP COME FROM BOTH OF OUR NATION'S TWO GREAT POLITICAL PARTIES AND FROM SEVERAL RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS.

\* NONE OF US EXPRESSES HIMSELF IN RELIGIOUS JARGON -- MORE TYPICALLY OUR LANGUAGE IS PRETTY EARTHY. BUT IN OUR OWN WAY WE'RE PURSUING CHRIST. WE'VE GROWN TO TRUST EACH OTHER. WE TALK PRETTY OPENLY ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS -- AND I DON'T MEAN ITEMS OF THE



NATIONAL AGENDA. WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND CHALLENGE EACH OTHER TO LIVE A LIFE OF FAITH IN A VERY COMPLEX AND CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT." (END OF BAKER QUOTE)

-- LIVING BIBLE (PRACTICAL, DAILY ADVICE) & QUIET TIME EA. MORNING - SARAH'S CIRCLE & BIRTHDAY: LUKE 14:12-13: "WHEN YOU GIVE A DINNER OR A BANQUET, DO NOT INVITE YOUR FRIENDS OR YOUR BROTHERS OR YOUR RICH NEIGHBORS, INVITE THE POOR."

\* DR. TOMS - JERICHO - PRAY TO GOD TO MEET US AT OUR WEAKNESS.

\* DOT RESPS. FOR SECURITY. WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT WAS TO PRESENT AN AWARD LAST WEEK TO CAPTAIN JOHN TESTRAKE; "I WOULD LIKE FOR MY WIFE AND MY FAMILY AND ALL MY FRIENDS TO KNOW THAT THE LORD HAS TAKEN GOOD CARE OF US SO FAR. AND HE HAS SEEN US THROUGH MANY TRYING TIMES AND WILL SEE US THROUGH THE END."

\* I SUGGEST THAT THOSE WORDS WILL CHANGE MANY

LIVES, AND HAVE LASTING EFFECT AS A MAJOR FACET OF THIS BRILLIANT RESPONSE AND PERFORMANCE.

\* THERE IS ANOTHER LINE, LESS POETIC BUT NO LESS VALID. YOU ONLY BEGIN TO LIVE WHEN YOU BEGIN TO GIVE. GOD HAS GIVEN TO US FREELY OUT OF HIS ABUNDANCE. WE HONOR HIM WHEN WE GIVE OF OURSELVES TO OTHERS. AS CHRISTIANS, IT IS OUR REASONABLE SERVICE. AS AMERICANS, IT IS OUR TRADITION.

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