

# JESUS IN REAL LIFE

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Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4



## Interviews, Airplanes & Real Christianity

Recently, I had a job interview.

Of course, it's because of the economy, rising gas and food costs, etc., but it was also due to the fact that I wasn't going to get away much longer with my 'semi-retirement' lifestyle. Add to that, that it's just not fair that my husband should have to carry this whole load by himself, especially since I am 'abled' and willing to work. My husband and I have been self employed for close to 20 years now. We own a sound business called, **BOC Productions**. (Warning: shameless plug) If you ever need sound (speakers), lights, stage, drums, etc., for a wedding reception, corporate meeting, festival or anything else, you can call us in Florida at 941.518.8442 or in the U.P. at 906.667.0100. :)

At BOC Productions, my husband is certainly both the brains and the brawn of the operation. Of course, I do my part as much as I can, but if I disappeared from the business, I would venture to say that it would probably not miss a beat. Since the kids are raised, we are not secret millionaires, and I am not a Diva, it does seem incumbent upon me to bring home some bacon and DO something with all my free time.;

It's also important to note, that I have not done an actual job interview since 1980 something. Suffice it to say, I was a little rusty as I walked into the interview room that day.

"Tell us a little about yourself." Seriously? Do we really have to start off with something so difficult! I stumbled around trying to summarize 'who I am.' It wasn't pretty. "Why do you want this job?" For crying out loud! Right about then I was kicking myself for not watching a YouTube video or two on 'how to do a job interview' before I walked out the door that morning! "Well, uh, since I came into town, I have felt

drawn to this place...bla, bla, bla." Pull up! Pull up! I say to myself as I spiral to the death of my once potential employment opportunity. "What's the best job you ever had?" "Uh, uh, well, I haven't had too many jobs, being self employed for so long...uh, well, I guess I'd have to say the only jobs I listed on my application, which were all as a Worship Leader at various Churches." There were three people interviewing me, and there were probably three different pictures of what in the world a Worship Leader was, along with the thought, 'this woman is weird.' All of a sudden, I felt my brain finally making contact with my mouth. The turbulence was over, and I began to settle into the calm of flying above the clouds.

"What would qualify you for this job?" If it hadn't been for my mind finally becoming fully engaged just a moment before, I may have said, "uh, yeah, well, probably nothing, but I can sing!" But since my foot was out of my mouth by then, I went on to say that the Worship Leading jobs showed me how to work with people. You see, a Worship Leader is the one who leads the 'band' in the Church. The 'worship team' is usually made up of volunteers, which, in itself poses some challenges. Over the years there have been many opportunities for me to learn about conflict resolution, working with difficult people, encouraging people, etc. "How would you deal with a difficult co-worker?" Here's where the rubber met the road for me, and the answer came out so naturally, it started like this, "Well, I'm a Christian so..." I went on to say that since I am a Christian I really try to live my life like Jesus would. That He was loving, kind, always patient and full of wisdom. "I would endeavor to respond in every situation the way Jesus would." That was pretty much how the interview ended.

Over the last quarter of a century that I've been 'saved,' I've learned a lot from the Bible about who Jesus is and how He does things. If I'm really following Him, then I will start to look like Him, act like Him, walk like Him. It says in 1 John 2:6 *"the one who says he abides in Him (Jesus) ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked."* The definition of a Christian is to be **like Christ**. I am aware that inserting "Christianity" into the interview was risky at best, but it's all I could do, it just came out naturally. Jesus is my life and I can't simply subtract Him from a part of it just because I want a job. Personally, I have already given everything to God anyway, so any job I get (or don't get) is really up to Him.

If I was a secular employer, I would love to have a real Christian work for me. Why? Simply because a real Christian has a very HIGH standard. We will be honest, dependable, respectful of authority, not critical, patient, kind, seeing the value in others, encouraging, positive, we will stick up for the underdog, protect the helpless, and a whole host of other unifying and peace making behaviors.

I may or I may not get this job, either way, I don't regret the way it all came out. I am what I am, and if there's anything good in me it's because of Jesus. I can never separate or compartmentalize Jesus, or put him off to the side while I do something without Him. Jesus is not a 'part of my life,' or my 'co-pilot,' or just an added 'piece of my life,' He IS my life! He's not just for Church, or religious activities. Jesus isn't just for Sunday's and Wednesday's. He is everywhere, in everything, for those who know Him, this is **Jesus in REAL life!**

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