

THE CHURCH IS NOT A CRUISE SHIP

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Dear Friends of His Church At Work,

In my nine years in the nuclear submarine force, I experienced firsthand how aircraft carriers **project and expand their influence forward into enemy territory**. The carrier itself and any airplanes parked on its deck are of no consequence to the battle. It is only as the carrier arms and catapults its air squadron out into their **assigned missions** that the carrier is able to assume its **maximum dominion**. Ironically, even though an aircraft carrier is a naval vessel, its primary purpose is fulfilled by pilots and planes.

Mobilizing this kind of spiritual force to penetrate people's lives at the office, warehouse or work environment represents a paradigm shift and requires a church to think like a aircraft carrier instead of a cruise ship.

Enjoy this edition of our **Momentum** as we share more of how God is using this powerful metaphor to help show the great opportunity available to churches in equipping, resourcing and commissioning members to impact the culture at work.

Bless you until next time.

Doug Spada, Founder, *His Church at Work*

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THE CHURCH AS AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER



The mission of **His Church at Work** is to **grow the cultural influence of the church through the work lives of its people**.

Every person in the church has a week ahead where they will be interacting with colleagues, making decisions and using their influence at work. Like pilots, they need to be briefed and catch a **new vision of the mission** involved. **Your church's God-given mission is the mission of its people**. It is a subtle but significant shift.

Doug Spada recently shared this vision and the birth of the WorkLife Ministry process with a group of 500 leaders. [CLICK HERE](#) to view a 7-minute video clip of that presentation.

PASTORS EXPERIENCE THE REAL THING

In order to paint a more vivid picture of what a missional church looks like and how it operates, **Dr. Vic Pentz of Peachtree Presbyterian Church** in Atlanta, GA used **His Church at Work's** striking metaphor, comparing two dramatically different sea-going vessels.....a cruise ship and an aircraft carrier.



Dr. Pentz felt confident that his missional message had been appropriately conveyed, with nothing left to add. That was until Peachtree member Capt. Walter Buchanan, USNR (ret.), approached him with one pointed question.

"How can you talk about the operations of an aircraft carrier if you've never been on one yourself?" That was about to change!

[CLICK HERE to read the entire story on this enlightening field trip which started with that question....](#)

THE CHURCH IMPACTING CULTURE



Dr. James Saxon, Director of Evangelism at **The Church of the Apostles** in Atlanta, GA recently shared this profound quote about The Church impacting culture.

"An insightful man of our times has defined the evangelical church today as 'an island of piety in a sea of irrelevance'. While this is sometimes true, it is also true that God is doing something to change that. He is stirring the church to recognize that it can no longer be a critic of the deteriorating culture around it but **must become a blessing to it in the name of the Lord**.

Reclaiming our work lives for the glory of God is a key step in the process of becoming a blessing to our culture and shattering the barriers that are isolating the church from the culture. **The church can no longer be a cruise liner where passengers are along for the ride, but must become an aircraft carrier from which people are being sent into battle**. We are making that strategic shift here in our church and we have one organization to thank for this paradigm shift and process - **His Church At Work**."

[CLICK HERE to find out more about the WorkLife Solution for churches.....](#)

EXPANDING CULTURAL IMPACT!



Use the following tools to share WorkLife with your pastor, church leaders and working believers interested in tested solutions and tools for WorkLife:

- [From an Individual's Perspective](#) - See and hear the value of one life impacted by WorkLife Ministry
- [WorkLife Ministry e-brochure](#) - Easy send vision PDF for sharing with others. See what churches are talking about.
- [Explore WorkLife](#) - Web education process- explore the opportunity for significant WorkLife impact.
- [FREE Explore WorkLife Webinar](#) - Join His Church at Work staff for a live view of our WorkLife Training Foundations, Solutions, and best practices. See how churches are impacting their members and communities for Christ.
- [God at Work](#) - Discover how the local church can return the relevance of God to work while equipping the congregation for WorkLife excellence.
- [Pioneering WorkLife](#) - Learn how His Church at Work's pioneering WorkLife process and solutions are serving local churches resulting in exponential community influence.
- [Unique WorkLife Process](#) - Pastor to pastor perspective on HCAW.

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Join us in accelerating the impact of WorkLife ministry. Together, we can help people **see the significance of their field** (of work)!

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