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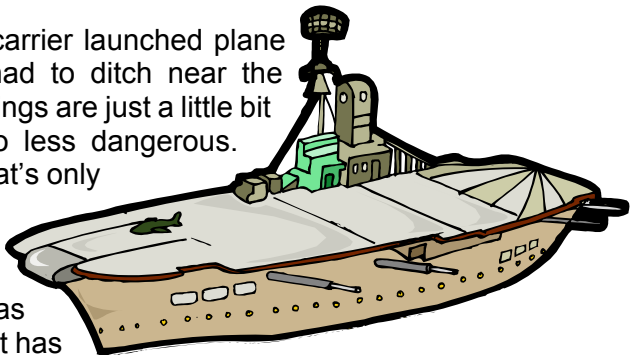
CVM Annual Conference
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Carl Beech National Director for Christian Vision for Men recently wrote the following, and has agreed to us printing it for you to read.

An aircraft carrier has four catapults and is capable of launching an aircraft every 20 seconds.

These catapults have awesome power. The fighter winds up the engines to full power and with the catapults help, **a 60,000-pound jet can reach speeds in excess of 150 mph.... in less than two seconds.** At the end of the short runway its barely at flying speed...the threat of ditching is a reality. To say this is high risk is an understatement! For the pilot, every take off is an adventure...once the salute has been given by the pilot its no going back. He is going over the edge of that carrier no matter what...the only issue then (apart from possibly having to engage in combat) is getting back!

In days gone by when a carrier launched plane wanted to get back he had to ditch near the ship. These days, whilst things are just a little bit more sophisticated, its no less dangerous. Landing on a flight deck that's only got 500 feet of landing space is one of the most difficult things a navy pilot will ever do. Each plane has an arresting hook. The pilot has



to get his plane onto the deck (which is moving, pitching and rolling) and snag one of the arresting wires stretched across the deck. If he catches a wire he will stop.... if he doesn't he has to get off the deck ASAP! That's why when a fighter comes into land on a carrier he hits the throttle and winds the engines up to max power as soon as the wheels hit the deck.... just in case. **Here's the amazing thing.** The arresting wire system can stop a 60,000-pound aircraft travelling 150 miles per hour in two seconds flat! The pilot doesn't do it alone. To help him is **a whole team of people and a sophisticated guidance system...all there to help ensure a soft landing. More often than not, the team works**

Being a man of God is like this:

When we come to faith and leave everything to follow Jesus, we are launched into battle. We are no longer just citizens of the UK but citizens of heaven. We belong to God, and now engage in battle against the enemy. We don't know where we will go or how we will get there.

Our job is to go where God sends us and do what He asks us to do! Every day an adventure of launching into the unknown.

What of landing? Well for us we fly until the day we are called home...and then we fly some more! **We do have one task though, to guide others to a safe and soft landing with Jesus so that they can be re- launched into the faith adventure...And that's a team job, all hands on deck, everyone contributing to the building of Gods Kingdom.**

**Running the Race -
Who will pick up the baton?**



An evening with
Jim Graham.
Here at Trinity

11th November 2006

Details will be available shortly

Courageous Leadership by Bill Hybels

Bill Hybels is one of the founding pastors of Willow Creek Community church from which the willow creek Association of churches has grown.

The book has evolved from Bill's experience in pasturing and preaching, with a particular emphasis on what he has learned about Christian leadership. Courageous Leadership offers an insight into the learning curve of leadership, steep and difficult at times yet challenging and rewarding to. Leadership is a 360-degree activity with each point of the compass having a particular emphasis, north – influencing those in authority over them, east and west influencing their peers. Most important however is learning how to keep the compass centred on Christ so that our own lives are in tune with him thus providing us with the maximum direction to direct others.

Many are the points in this book, which provide thought provoking challenges to the reader. Hybels rightly draws attention to “ The local church is the hope of the world and its future rests with us and we need to serve those who are not yet believers passionately with the spiritual gifts he has given to us.

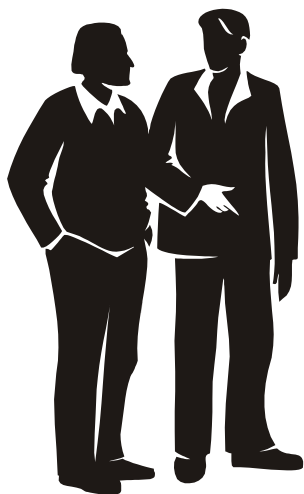
In God's heartbeat for the church is also your heartbeat then this book is one of those that come into the must read category, so now is the time to get out of your armchair and put into action the challenges of Acts chapter 2.

Zondervan ISBN No 0-310-24881-7 available through the Lighthouse Christian Resource Centre publishes courageous Leadership.



If you have any articles you would like to contribute to men@trinity newsletter, please email to men@trinitymethodist.org.uk, or drop into pigeon hole B for the attention of Mike Bartrop.

“ A Question “



**What are we
Going to give
Men of today?
A vision of
God's way
Or a picture
Of just another club
When Jesus came
He challenged
Us to be partners
In the task
And focus
On his way
So that those
We meet
Day by Day
Can see in us
What he has
To say**

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