

Introduction to Volume XXII

One of the most significant conferences I attended last year was our BCM Network meeting in Orlando. To sit under John Tadlock and Arliss Dickerson and profit from their years of wisdom was very beneficial. In this issue we have the opportunity to revisit John Tadlock's address. It is worthy in every way of this added attention. In fact, those of us that heard it and now read it will be grateful for the chance to study it at our leisure. The great thing about reading it is being able to pause and reflect on how it applies to us. All of us are challenged as we minister to a generation "where hope and fear collide." It is especially good to read this article during the summer as we mentally, emotionally and spiritually prepare for this fall!

Emile Cailliet taught for many years at Princeton. His education began in Europe in the early part of the 20th century and in some ways parallels the current university mindset in the United States. He begins the story of his conversion by making reference to his "naturalistically inspired education" and how this left him empty in the face of the reality of what men could do to mankind in World War I. A few years ago, Steven Curtis Chapman had a song entitled the Great Adventure. In it was a line that went something like, "I picked up a Bible and started reading about myself." This is the unusual sort of experience that Cailliet had. It is the experience we would like all our students to know. While Cailliet has the vocabulary of an professional philosopher, there is a warm, honest and evangelical light that radiates into the darkness from this conversion experience.

This edition of The Campus Minister is not as thick as some others, but you will find here some encouragement that you would be hard pressed to find elsewhere.

Reflect and be refreshed!

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