

Are you living up to your mission or in wrong chair?

Bob Parr was not content sitting behind a desk pushing paper anymore. He wasn't created to do that. What did Bob do? He moonlighted as a superhero.

When it came to sitting behind that desk, he felt, and knew, he was compromising. He was compromising what he was really suppose to be. That compromise brought conflict into his life.

You see, there is nothing wrong with pushing paper, but when you were created to be "Mr. Incredible," your mission is a lot bigger.

You are a superhero. Fighting crime, keeping the world safe, rescuing people from dangerous situations, that is what you were created for.

Granted, you and I don't have superhero powers, but in many ways



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we face the same dilemma Bob faces in the movie "The Incredibles." We are faced with sitting in the wrong chair!

In life there are three chairs you and I get to pick from. They are: The chair of commitment, the chair of compromise and the chair of conflict.

We have all found it to be true, that whenever we have allowed compromise into our life, it has produced conflict. It is true in relationships, it

is true in finances and it is true spiritually. God knows it, and humanity experiences it. So, as you begin this New Year, what chair are

you sitting in?

It is important to identify where you are because where you are affects more than just you. It has been said: "Where parents camp, kids will live." When you stop and think about the ramifications of decisions, that is scary.

Talk with people all the time, and they are frustrated with their kids or with young people in general, and that statement goes through my mind. Sure that isn't true all the time,

but there is merit to it because what one generation smirks at, the next generation laughs at.

Let me frame these remarks up against Revelation 2:1-5. It is a note given to the church at Ephesus. So the context of the letter is to Christians. It is to Christians who have decided to sit in the chair of compromise. They decided to leave their first love (the Lord). They chose what was convenient over what was eternal. They let their today dictate their tomorrow. If you and I aren't careful, Christian or not, that can happen to you.

Let's look at the first chair — Commitment. One thing is for certain — passionate people make history. You can look at several biblical examples. Take King David for instance: he was committed to the

Lord spiritually long before he ever received the position of the king.

The chair of commitment is the place where the peace of God and the will of God are located. Commitment brings conviction, a conviction to live a holy life, a life that wants to be pleasing to God. It is more concerned about looking up than looking around. Jesus wants you to look for one thing — the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

The next chair is the chair of Compromise. The chair of compromise is a dangerous chair because it is the chair of lukewarmness. That is why it is so important to make sure you do the little things of commitment. There is nothing worse than being lukewarm. Eventually, if you compromise enough, it leads to the third chair.

The third chair is the chair of conflict. It is the scary point of not knowing who you are because you are listening to too many voices (world, self, Satan and God). I want to encourage you this year to relocate to the chair of commitment. If you feel like you are already there, then find some areas you can develop even more.

Remember, chair number one is the winner's chair. Chair two is the gambler's chair. It is the most dangerous chair. Finally, the chair of conflict is the loser's chair. It is time to sit in the right chair — you were born to win!

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Agriculture conference planned Tuesday, Wednesday in Oberlin

A conference designed to focus on the latest technology, methods and conservation practices to improve agricultural production on the



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High Plains will be held Tuesday and Wednesday in Oberlin.

The conference is two days with the same program each day, so as to comfortably accommodate farmers.

The "Cover Your Acres Winter Conference," sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance, will begin with registration at 6:45 a.m. Moun-

tain Time at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Sessions each day will cover over 25 topics by university educators and researchers and industry representatives, including "New Weed Control Options for Grain Sorghum," "Flexible Fallow," "Starter Fertilizer in No-till," "Economics of Biofuels," "Getting the Most Out of Glyphosate," "What Precision Ag Can Do for You" and "Government

Programs and No-till."

Diamond sponsors for the event include Lang Diesel, the National Sunflower Association, Hoxie Implement and Southwest Imple-

ment. Vendors will display farm machinery and information in the arena.

Information and registration forms are available at the K-State

Research and Extension Northwest Area web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/nwagronomy/. Call the Northwest Area Extension Office at (785)462-6281.

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State has made progress, to tackle health care next

Last week, I was honored to go before the Legislature and the people of Kansas to deliver the annual State of the State address, which provides an opportunity to discuss where our state can go in the coming years.

During the past four years, we've made outstanding progress in a number of areas, namely strengthening our schools and expanding our economy.

I believe we must continue that progress, building upon the commitment we've made to K-12 schools by focusing on early learning and post-secondary education. Reaching children early helps them get ready to enter kindergarten, which helps them do better in school and in life.

Additionally, ensuring Kansas students have the opportunity to get education beyond high school, and making sure that education is relevant to the needs of the workplace, will help workers and businesses succeed.

This focus on a skilled workforce will help attract new jobs to Kansas, as will the tax relief I've proposed, such as exempting 16,000 small businesses from the franchise tax. Coupled with our initiatives to promote economic opportunity in rural areas, these efforts will spread prosperity throughout our state.

But that prosperity seems unreachably far for the thousands of Kan-



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sans without health coverage. We must address the crisis in our health care system, which is why I've called on the Legislature to work with me, the Health Policy Authority, businesses and providers to set a course to universal coverage in our state.

I've also called on legislators to work with me and the state's utilities to set a new course when it comes to energy.

Our security and economy are harmed by our dependence on imported oil, and our current reliance on fossil fuels is causing dangerous changes to our climate. There's no reason Kansas shouldn't lead the nation when it comes to wind energy, and we have outstanding opportunities to become a leader in biofuels production and energy efficiency as well.

We can continue our progress in strengthening our schools and creating jobs, and we can seize new opportunities in health care and energy but only if we work together.

United, there's nothing we can't achieve, and I look forward to working with you and with the representatives you've sent to Topeka to create a brighter future for all of us.

Worship warms the heart

Calvary Gospel Church
Pastor: Steve Rains, Ben Coats, youth pastor
 Fourth & College • 890-3605
Sunday: Kid's Church: 10:30 am
 Morning Service: 10:30 am
 Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Royal Rangers Missionettes 6:30 p.m.
 Adult mid-week service: 7:00 p.m.
 Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.
 Small Group Ministries meets throughout the week.
 www.calvarygospel.net

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastor: Father Norbert Diabal
 307 W. 13th • 890-7205
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment
Mass Schedule:
 Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am
Spanish Mass:
 Sunday: 12:30 pm



Sonrise Christian Church
 Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398
Minister: Charles E. Kerr, Jr.
Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am
 Sunday School: 10:45 am
 Team Puppeteers: 6 pm
Wednesday:
 Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm
 Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm
 Jets, 4th grade and under: 3:30 - 4:30

Word of Life
Joursquare Church
 10th & Clark • 899-5250
Pastor: John Coumerilh
Sunday: Worship Celebration
 and Kids' Church: 10:30 am
 Wednesday: K.W.A.M.!
 Age 3 through grade 6, 6:30 p.m.
 (during school year)

Pleasant Home Church
 Serving the rural community
 for over 100 years
 Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70
Pastor: Charlie Busch
 694-2242
Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am
 Sunday School: 10 am
 Evening Service: 6 pm

Bible Baptist Church
Pastor: Michael Estep
 Fifth & Broadway
 890-7368
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
 Morning Service: 10 am
 Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO
 (719) 346-7984
Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

Iglesia Del Dios Vivo
 La Luz Del Mundo
 Spanish Speaking Church
Minister: Esteban Ortiz B.
 1601 Texas • 899-5275
Daily Prayer: Sunday thru
 Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

United Methodist Church
Brewster:
Pastor: Dorine Chambers
 Worship Service: 10:45 am CST
 Sunday School: 9:45 am CST
Winona:
Minister: Sheryl Johnson
 Worship Service: 9 am CST
 Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ)
Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
 Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233
Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups,
 Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups,
 Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship
Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing
 Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler
 Nurseries Available

Kanorado
United Methodist Church
Pastor: Leonard Cox
 399-2468
Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
 Worship Service: 10:15 am

Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bob Willis
 Third & Caldwell
 899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
 Worship Service: 10:50 am
 Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church
 1116 Sherman 899-3631
Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Adult Classes: 9:15 am
 Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Wednesday Nite Live
 5:45 - 6:45 Simple Supper "Free will Offering
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Classes for all ages

Goodland Bible Church
 109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
 Morning Worship: 10:45 am
 Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
 and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
Pastor: Travis Blake
 Fifth & Center • 890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
 9:15 am (Child care provided)
 Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
 Call church for information
Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
 Wheatridge Center

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 13th & Center
 Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969
Priest: Father Hal Lycett
Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
 10:00 a.m. Thursday
Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun.
 For emergencies 890-6969

Harvest Evangelical Free Church
 104 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-7918
Pastor: Brian Fugleberg
Sunday: Worship: 10:30 am
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Youth group
 meets at 7 p.m.
 at Scherlings', 827 Caldwell.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
 1160 Cattletail
Pastor: Mike Larson
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
 Worship Service: 11 am

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
 13th & Sherman • 890-6161
Sunday: Christian education/fellowship:
 10:15 a.m.
 Worship Service: 9 am
Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm

Church of Christ
 401 Caldwell
 890-6185
Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am
 Worship Service: 10:45 am
Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm

The following sponsors urge YOU to attend your chosen House of Worship this Sabbath:

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 Hwy. 24

Koons Funeral Chapel
 North Main

Good Samaritan Center
 208 W. 2nd

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 3023 W. 31

Internet tonight!
Call 899-2338.

You're Getting Married!!

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT.

So your engaged and getting married soon?

Come to the **Bridal Show...**
 and find all you need for your upcoming wedding including bridal attire.

Local Area Vendors will offer discounts and promotions for your wedding!

February 10th: 10-3 & February 11th: 12-4
 McDonald, KS (on Hwy 36 between Atwood and Bird City.)

The new bridal store in McDonald will have specials the entire weekend. **50% off** all in-stock bridal gowns plus other in-store discounts. We are a full service bridal store, including tuxedos rentals, alterations and much more. You have to see it to believe it. Don't buy gowns until you visit our store.

Attend our seminar on how to plan your dream wedding. There will be a catered lunch and a great chance to get ideas from other brides in the area, while you have lunch.

\$25/per person, you will get lunch, information to take home, and all your questions answered.

Pre-registration is required by 2/2/07 to attend this seminar.
 Please call 1-866-605-0387 to register.