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Rev. Dr. Jan McCormack, retired Chaplain Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force, has served as chaplain in a variety of settings—from hospital to prison, from racetrack to work-



place. She recalls a particularly transformative experience from her days as a military chaplain. “One of the most talented and compassionate first sergeants I ever worked with was an avowed agnostic. He had been raised Roman Catholic, but rejected Jesus along with Catholic dogma and ritual,” she says. “However, he was willing to work with the chaplaincy section in order to help his troops. Brad and I had many a conversations about good and evil, love and grace, forgiveness and eternal life. Eventually his father’s cancer brought him back to God in prayer. After Brad finally returned to Jesus, he said his transformation was largely due to seeing me walk my faith while never rejecting him for his lack of belief.”

McCormack’s relationship with Brad continued after she retired. “When he asked me about entering seminary,” she remembers, “I told him I had been waiting for him to accept his calling!” Brad is now co-pastor of a successful church plant. Not only was his life transformed, but so are the other lives touched by his ministry.

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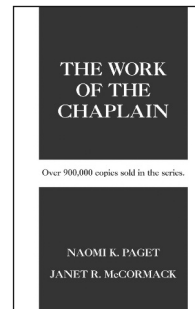
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