



I “Get to”

Learning **Freedom** in God’s Story as a
Christian and a Scientist

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Freedom in God's Story

- **What does this look like?**
 - It is the opportunity to be where there is freedom to live.
 - It is a place in God's story
 - It is where you can get up every morning and ask the simple question.
 - What is our plan today? The secret is keeping your eyes open and ears clear for His message. (I try but I am human)
 - It is where you get the opportunity to see and hear others.
 - It is where God is in charge. The pressure is off.



Freedom in God's Story

- **What does this look like?**
 - **The bottom line is where there are no “have to” or “ought to”. You are free to “get to”.**
 - **There is one other element – It is where you foster the opportunities for other to “get to”. There is joy.**
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I “Get to”

- **Who is this “I”**
 - A broken human being.
 - Willing to be vulnerable, authentic, transparent and trusting.
 - Willingness to learn.
- **Reflections:**
 - Provided a view of a paved road
 - Teaching & Influence of others willing to teach this “I”.
 - This “I” has learned the meaning of “We”.

I “Get to”

➤ Who is this “I”

- In the next steps in this story:
 - a view of many people that God used to teach this individual
 - This individual as a work in progress “Christian”
 - an individual that used his scientific developed talents
 - to see and appreciate God’s creation and
 - to have those gifts married in an unbelievable way in service to others.
- This is my revelation revealed to me.

My Goal

Seeing the integration of my Faith, Work and Everyday living


My Faith - Trying to get to the place where I am always willing to share

My Work – Seeing and finding ways to be a Christian in what work I do

My Everyday Living - Family, Friends, Communities (culture)

Note: These views of things have take on a meaning in my time with Flourish MidColumbia





Who is Jim Morris now and what is the rest of the story? (Whose Plan)

Today

- **Christian:** (in progress)
 - Presbyterian – West Side Church, Elder
 - Member of Flourish Mid Columbia
- **Scientist :** (still learning and being amazed)
 - Retired Research Scientist – PNNL- Biological Sciences
 - Consultant for the Department of Energy- Human Subject Boards
- **My Call- Both**

Who is Jim Morris now and what is the rest of the story?

- ▶ **Education, Research, Professional Experience:**
 - ▶ Pfeiffer University (College) BS – (Biology and Chemistry) 1959-63
 - ▶ GA Dept. of Public Health – Regional Diagnostic Lab – Waycross, GA 1963-65
 - ▶ University of Georgia PhD (Microbiology, Immunology & Immunochemistry) 1965-1970
 - ▶ City of Hope Medical Center - NIH Post Doctoral Fellowship 1970-73
 - ▶ Basic amino acid sequence for antibody structure (structure/function)
 - ▶ Development of Antibody diagnostic for a colon cancer marker – CEA

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Who is Jim Morris now and what is the rest of the story?

- ▶ **Education, Research, Professional Experience:**

- ▶ **PNNL Research Scientist 1973 - 2013**

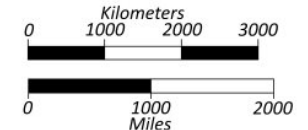
- ▶ Characterizing effects of ionization and non-ionization radiation and chemicals on biological systems (immune system)

- ▶ WMD Conversation – (1999 – 2013)

- ▶ International and domestic border & custom staff in country and at Hammer

- ▶ Global Initiative for Proliferation Prevention - Biological Weapons .

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How is my faith integrated in my work?

I have listed **two** occupations at present:

1. **Member of the Board of Flourish MidColumbia**
President
2. **Member of PNNL & DOE Human Subject Research Boards**
Chair



Flourish MidColumbia Dan Wodrich's Vision His Partners - The Trinity


a few human beings but growing

- *Educating, Equipping & Growing People who:*
 - *Think theologically...*
 - *Live relationally...*
 - *Do good work...*
 - *Practice healthy patterns of rest & work...*
- and*
- *Lovingly Serve others for the flourishing of our homes, workplaces, and community.*
 - *This what we "get to" do.*

The Integration with Flourish MidColumbia (easy)



- Faith-based organization: motto is the “integration of faith, work and everyday living”.
- Willing to partner & collaborate with individuals, churches, organizations, and institutions for the flourishing of our Mid-Columbia community. Foster all in seeing the relationship we have with our Creator and each other. Remind us that our Creator loves us all and has and continues to pursue us where ever we are. His grace is for all.
- Community is essential in our everyday living. How do you define community?



What are the tools, talents, gifts and relationships that makes this happen?

- ▶ It starts in the **Beginning**- **God created..... All**
 - ▶ We have a **beautiful story** how that happened – Most of us agree on that it happened, but the “**devil**” is in the details and this serves to divide us. We should continue to have a conversation.....
 - ▶ We were all built with a **purpose** – we have a **calling** and we are given gifts and talents to equip us to meet this call. We can answer “yes”, “No”, or “not sure”. Remember He never walks away from us.
 - ▶ **Stewards** of His creation – We all are different- thank goodness – variety is the spice of life.
 - ▶ **Relationship** with Him and His creation. We were built in His Image.



The Integration with Flourish MidColumbia

(What I “get to do”.)

Faith and Science Vocation Group

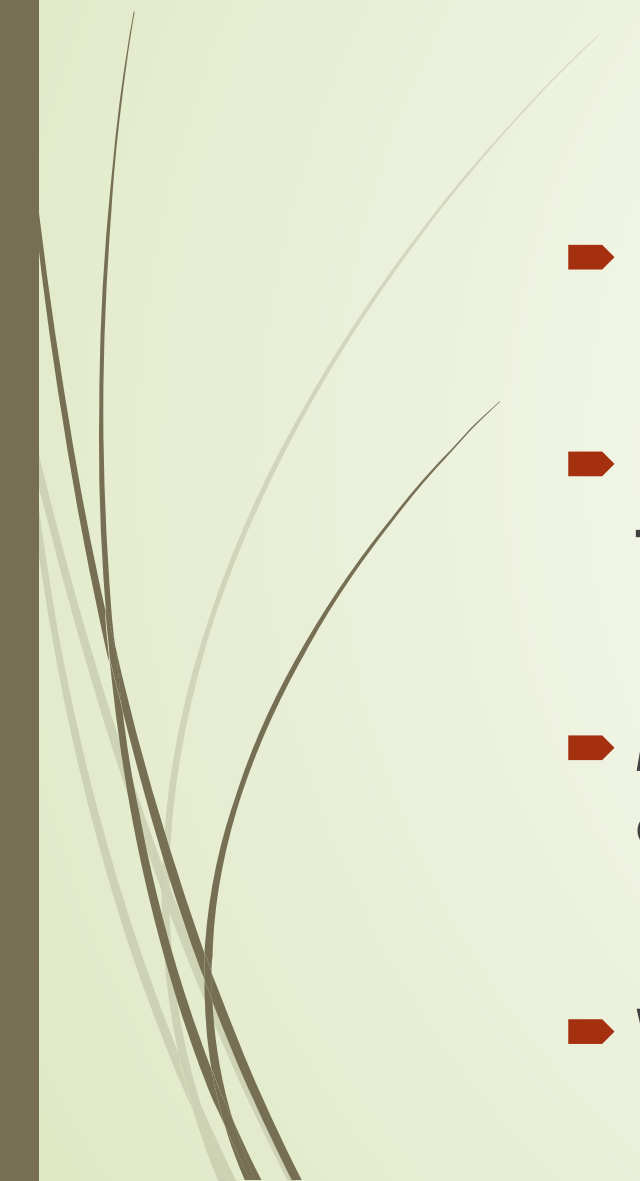
- Facilitate a conversation about Faith & Science – Learning to be stewards of His creation and what that means
- Work with a great group 10+ men and women (mentors)
- Share the joy of God’s creation
- The Vision is to do so with gentleness and respect with a humble heart



The Integration with Flourish MidColumbia

(What I “get to do”.)

Faith and Science Vocation Group

- **Learn to be inclusive and not exclusive**
 - **Learning what things are essentials, non-essentials and to hold all other things with charity**
 - **My joy working on this calling is to see others having an opportunity to realized their “get to”.**
 - **We are learning what it means to be in His service**
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Integration with Human Subject Board

(easy, also)

- **Human Subject Board:**

- **Purpose** - Protecting the rights and welfare of subjects in Human Subjects Research (HSR).

- **Ethics**- In the oversight of all HSR, follows the ethical principles outlined in the April 18, 1979 report of The National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research titled “**Ethical Principles and Guidelines for the Protection of Human Subjects in Research,**” also known as “**The Belmont Report**”:

Human Subject Boards

- **Respect for Persons** - Respect for persons incorporates at least two ethical convictions: first, that individuals should be treated as **autonomous agents**, and second, that **persons with diminished autonomy are entitled to protection**. The principle of respect for persons thus divides into two separate moral requirements: the requirement to **acknowledge autonomy** and the requirement to **protect those with diminished autonomy**.
- **Beneficence** - Persons are treated in an ethical manner not only by **respecting their decisions and protecting them from harm, but also by making efforts to secure their well-being**. Two general rules have been formulated as complementary expressions of beneficent actions in this sense: **(1) do not harm and (2) maximize possible benefits and minimize possible harms**.
- **Justice** - Who ought to receive the benefits of research and bear its burdens? This is a question of justice, in the sense of “fairness in distribution” or “what is deserved.” An injustice occurs when some benefit to which a person is entitled is denied without good reason or when some burden is imposed unduly. Another way of conceiving the principle of justice is that **equals ought to be treated equally**.



Human Subject Board

- ▶ **Actors in this Process:**

- ▶ **Sponsoring Institute**

- ▶ Program manager(s)

- ▶ **Principal Investigators**

- ▶ **The Board –**

- ▶ **Members** – specific areas of expertise

- ▶ **Administrative Team** – Chair, Vice-Chair, Administrator

- ▶ **Participants / Subjects**


Human Subjects Board



- **By practicing:**
 - **Respect**
 - **Benevolence**
 - **Justice**

- **For All engaged in this endeavor**

- **You “get to” see others in a totally different light**



How did I get here ? I want to describe this terrific plan of my journey to freedom.

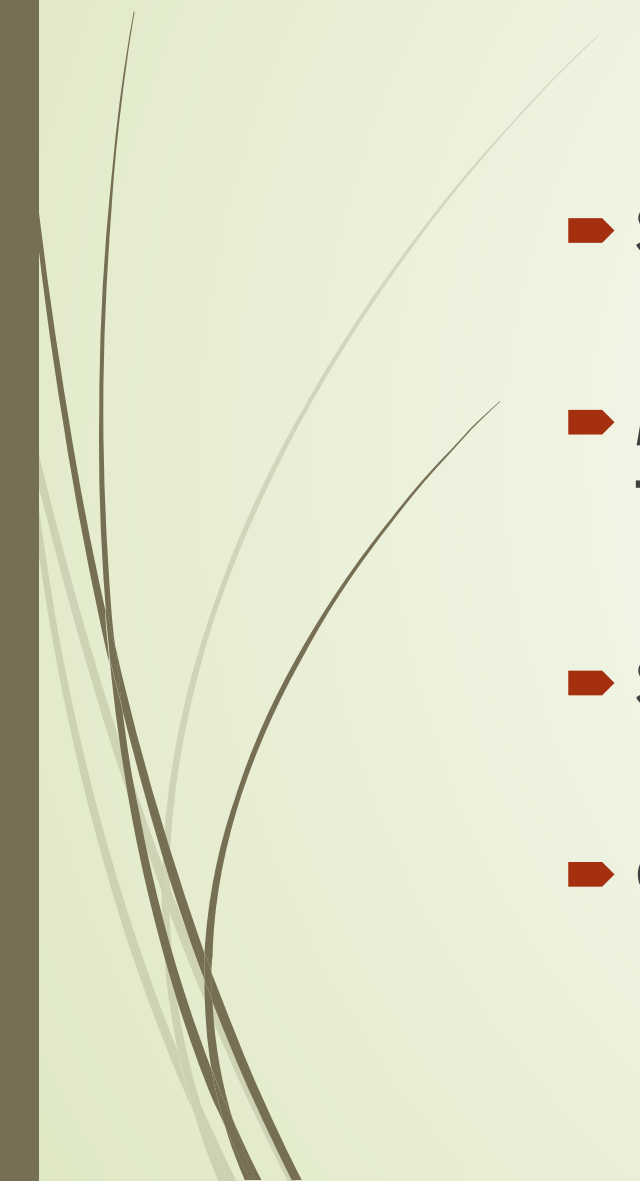
➤ Mentors:

- Dan Wodrich
- Karel Coppock
- Bill Cliff
- Dick Weller
- Marv Frazier
- Bill Willey
- Robin Morris & Family (Eric)

- Charlie Todd
- Frank Inman
- Professors at Pfeiffer
- Sunday School Teachers
- Parents and Family



How is my Faith Integrated in my Everyday Living

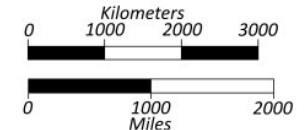
- See the opportunity to be there for others (relationship)
 - More positive view of immediate family giving room for them “to get to”.
 - See my role as a steward of His creation
 - Continue to see and hear what call(s) are made to me
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Summary:



- **Work in Progress “Learning Freedom in God’s Story as a Christian & Scientist”**
- **It is a journey with purpose, direction and a calling**
- **We walk together**
- **We have a conversation about any and all things**
- **It took God a long time to get me here. That is reality.**

World Map



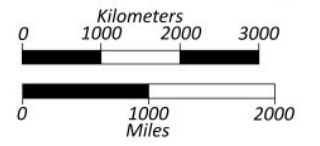
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