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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update: 9/21-25 conference in Amelia Island, FL
- **Today's topic: *Navigating through Corporate Politics***

But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.
 –Genesis 39:21-22



Do you recall the conference room scene in the movie “Liar, Liar” with Jim Carey? It’s one of my all-time favorite movie scenes. Conservatively speaking, I estimate that I’ve participated in over 10,000 meetings during my career. I’ve worked with hundreds of clients. At times, navigating through politics and bureaucracies has been very challenging!

In recent weeks, I’ve had several particularly challenging situations with bureaucracies, where I wanted to throw up my hands, have a temper tantrum, say something out of exasperation and frustration, and even walk away. But God’s Favor was with me. By His Spirit, I had the clarity of mind and emotional self-control to cool my jets, go with the flow, calmly speak (and stay quiet), and trust the Lord. The results thus far? I haven’t said or done anything that I regret, and I’m seeing the dust settle and issues gradually resolved.

Through the ups and downs of family and political politics, Joseph kept his cool, trusted God and did what was right. Over time, he was vindicated and valued by both believers and unbelievers. This morning, let’s chat about navigating through politics. What have been your experiences? Can you share the good, the bad, and the ugly in your business? In retrospect, would you handle certain situations differently today than you did in the past? Does handling politics mean being passive and submissive, and not saying how you really think or feel?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (bad) to 10 (good) in terms of navigating corporate politics.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being more adept and Spirit-led as you handle politics?										
What specific actions can you take to be more adept and Spirit-led?										

- Next meeting on July 2
- Other news
- Closing prayer