

Our inspirational speaker was Steve Barber. This is Steve's story- After 30 years in this company, the last position, national sales manager for John Deere, the local operation closed and 90% of upper management was downsized.

His reaction: Disappointed. Why me? I didn't deserve this. I'm 55- am I too old to find another job? Glad it didn't happen in Wisconsin. I will come out all right- GOD HAS TAKEN CARE OF ME SO FAR

How did it effect his family:

Had to make decision about life- to move or not to move, What did I WANT to do? Would I want/need to change careers? BUDGET- Adjustments had to be made.

What process he used:

GETTING A JOB IS A FULL TIME JOB! Outplacement, learned how to go about finding a job, NETWORKING IS THE KEY, be organized, keep good records of what, when, where, why, etc.

Advice:

Decide what is important- family, money, etc. Maybe God is trying to tell you something. Evaluate yourself, sell yourself, be yourself, don't get in a hurry, don't be too picky, follow-up, NETWORK, call EVERYBODY you know and some you don't know, Why should they hire you? PRAY PRAY PRAY

What Steve learned: This is not the end of the world. Age can be a plus, don't get down on yourself, GOD WILL PROVIDE, HR people work for the company, not you, THE SUN WILL SHINE TOMORROW!