



"Cross Connection"

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Program 93 **"Peace Of Mind"** © Donald Thomas "Tom" Scholz

The Song ¹

- By *Boston*, from their self-titled debut album; released as the third single
 - Best-selling debut album in U.S. history – 18+ million copies sold
- Single peaked at #38 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1977
- Theme: rejects trend of materialism among Baby Boomers in the work force
- Thrives as a staple on classic rock station play lists
- Track in Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 releases of *Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock*



The Group – Boston ²

- Rock band from Boston, Massachusetts
 - Achieved greatest success in '70s and '80s
- Built around guitarist, keyboardist, songwriter, and producer Tom Scholz
 - Native of Toledo, Ohio; graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 - Inventor of Rockman guitar amplifier; spends much time working with charities
 - Recorded in home studio for years before securing contract with Epic records in '75
 - Considered a "perfectionist" – which led to delays in delivering recordings
 - Frustrated with limitations of technology at the time and his inability to capture the sound he wanted, Scholz began building and designing his own equipment
- Lead singer Brad Delp took his own life in 2007
- Other hits include "More Than a Feeling", "Peace of Mind", "Foreplay/Long Time", "Rock and Roll Band", "Smokin'", "Don't Look Back", "Amanda", and "Let Me Take You Home Tonight"
- Sold 50+ million albums worldwide, including 31 million in the U.S.
- First band in history to make their New York City debut at Madison Square Garden
- Numerous contract disputes between the group and industry principals

*"Turning corporations loose and letting the profit motive run amok is not a prescription for a more livable world."*³ – Tom Scholz
- Still actively records and performs

Now if you're feelin' kinda low
'bout the dues you've been paying
Future's coming much too slow
And you wanna run but somehow
you just keep on stayin'
Cant decide on which way to go
Yeah, yeah, yeah

- What are your priorities in life?
- Do they align with priorities God wants you to have?
- Vocation = a calling. Do you have a job or a vocation?
- Are we always able to secure employment in the area in which we believe we are called to serve?

¹ [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_of_Mind_\(Boston_song\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_of_Mind_(Boston_song))

² [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_\(band\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_(band))

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Scholz

I understand about indecision
 But I don't care if I get behind
 People livin' in competition
 All I want is to have my peace of mind.



"A person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." -- Luke 12:21 (NLT)

What is "peace of mind" based upon?

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And **the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**" – Philippians 4:6-7, NIV*

*"Peace I leave with you; **my peace I give you.** I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." – John 14:27*

Now you're climbin' to the top
 of the company ladder
 Hope it doesn't take too long
 Can'tcha you see there'll come a day
 when it won't matter
 Come a day when you'll be gone

Is this necessarily wrong? Why or why not?

"You cannot serve both God and money" – Matt. 6:24

Financial Statistics: ⁴

- 1. Marital Problems** - 37% (the highest rate) of marital problems derive from financial situations
- 2. Cash Flow** – 70% of all consumers live paycheck to paycheck, meaning they run out of money before the end of the month
- 3. Savings** - Average family would have to use a credit card to pay a \$1,500 unexpected expense (ex: home, car repair).
- 4. Retirement** - Nearly half of all Americans (46%) have less than \$10,000 saved for their retirement

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"...on the average, you can expect to have between three and five career changes during your lifetime, and up to six job changes within a career" ⁵

Take a look ahead, take a look ahead,
 yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah...

Now everybody's got advice
 they just keep on givin'
 Doesn't mean too much to me
 Lots of people out to make-believe
 they're livin'
 Can't decide who they should be.

When confused, ask two questions with the attitude, "God, do whatever it takes" to help me see the honest answer: ⁶

1. "God, am I trying to do my will or Your will?"
2. "God, am I trying to do things under my own power or Your power?"

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My will and My own power: *Symptoms:* alienation, loneliness, butting head into wall after wall, breaking of self, fatalism.

My will under God's power: *Symptoms:* frustration, superstition, anxiety— God won't be manipulated this way, even though many try—including a high percentage of Christians!

God's will but under my power: *Symptoms:* burnout, putting God or others on my timeframes, overplaying my role, messiah-complex, being judgmental toward others. (See Philippians 1:6, 2:12-14)

God's will under God's power: *Symptoms:* **peace**, sense of safety, perspective, poise, energy when I need it.

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"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children" -- **Proverbs 13:22**

Final Thoughts:

A commonly observed quote on church signs across the country declares "No Jesus – no peace! Know Jesus, know peace!" Do you know today the peace only He can give?

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⁴ <http://www.daveramsey.com/etc/cms/index.cfm?intContentID=3390>

⁵ http://www.uwec.edu/career/online_library/jobsearch.htm

⁶ <http://www.xenos.org/aboutxenos/faq/godswill.htm>