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To Whom It May Concern

My name is Tom Sommers. I am now retired after thirteen years of professional baseball with the California Angels (e.g., Director of Minor Leagues), thirty-three years with New York Life Insurance Company, and eleven years as the Director of CBMC Fresno—a ministry to Christian businessmen. I continue to meet with many men each week, leading Bible Studies, and mentoring and discipling businessmen of all ages.

I first met Jim Cecy in 1991 when he moved to Fresno and I was fortunate to be in a small group Bible Study taught by him. Jim really knew the Bible and how to apply it to our everyday life as businessmen. The Bible talks much about business practices and how to be prosperous and successful from God's perspective. It talks about wisdom from God and the quality of humility, being a good listener, seeking and following good advice. The Bible firmly states the essence of working hard, not being lazy, being honest, and truly caring about others.

Jim has been the Senior Pastor of Campus Bible Church, a very successful church in Fresno, California, for about thirty years. He is also the Founder and President of JARON Ministries International, Inc. Leading people, leading ministries, and working with people throughout our community and the world has given Jim a solid background in ministry, business, and connecting. I believe we have much to learn from him.

Tom Sommers  
Retired Businessman