



New Life Riders

Motorcyclists Serving God and Community

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Dear Friends,

I was shocked when I was told that Walt Collins, Vice President of the New Life Riders and brother in the Lord, went home to ride with Jesus. I talked with Walt that evening. He sounded good and was cheerful. He was always willing to share how our Lord touched him, lifted him up and turned his life around. Walt would tell you that he was not a role model, Jesus is!

The day after Walt's Celebration of Life Service, I received a call telling me that a dear friend of Kathy's and mine and several other New Life Riders, Jimmy Carter, President of the Joy Riders Motorcycle Ministry in Kentucky, also went home to ride with Jesus. Jimmy was also a volunteer Chaplain for Kentucky State Reformatory. He never needed prompting to share the Gospel, whether he was in a store, at the gas station or while out with his wife, JoAnn. He was very vocal in his witness for Christ.

The motorcycling community's loss is heaven's gain. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15.

With Walt and Jimmy on my mind, I thought of the Prophet Jeremiah who received his calling to speak for the Lord in 626 BCE.

The times he lived in were not all that different from ours; people were doing their own thing. The Covenant/contract that had been given to Moses on Mount Sinai was an external Law written on Tablets of Stone. The Lord revealed to Jeremiah that in the future there would be a new Covenant saying, "This shall be the Covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, I will put my Law within them, and I will write (tattoo) it on their hearts." Jeremiah 31:33. God establishes and faithfully keeps his Covenant with His people. This Covenant is a special agreement so that people can really know God.

In Old Testament times the word "heart" was rarely used in the literal sense. Most of the time, "heart" was used to mean the center of the intellect and feelings. It was possible for those in ancient times and is possible for us now to know God personally. The New Testament states that this new Covenant was established through what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross. This all-knowing, all-seeing God searches the hearts of every individual. His love for us is everlasting.

Sharing the Gospel is not always easy. It can be scary to share your belief in God. Words can come out jumbled. There is a fear of rejection. There is the worry of not having an answer. However, with God, His Word, and the power of prayer we know the Lord can equip us with an extraordinary boldness, a sense of calm, a clear mind and speech!

The scriptures record the inadequacy and misgivings voiced by those who were called by God. Jeremiah said, "I cannot speak, for I am a child." Isaiah said, "I am a man of unclean lips and dwell among a people of unclean lips." In the New Testament, Ananias essentially told the Lord what He was asking was ludicrous. "You want me to do what? You are asking me go down to Straight Street to help this fellow Saul who has been persecuting the Christians?"

There is a statement that is often overused, but true, nevertheless. "God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called." The Lord promised to be with each of His servants in Bible times and He promises to be with each one of us. Just as he told Joshua of old, "Have I not commanded you? Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Jeremiah also penned these words in Chapter 29:11-13, "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come to me and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." I often end my "letter" by urging you to invite Jesus into your heart and life if you have not already done so. This requires faith and trust in the Lord and in His Word. In searching for God with all your "heart," I suggest that you reflect upon the ancient definition of the word "Heart," the center of our intellect. The Lord has given us mental capacity, perception and "a spirit ...of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7. These gifts may be used in an earnest search for Him through the study of His Word, the Bible, and through prayer.

It is my prayer that you have trusted in the One who died to purchase our salvation. If not, today, right now, would be an excellent time to ask him into your "Heart" and life.

We're looking forward to more outreach opportunities this year. For information regarding upcoming events, please check the New Life Riders website www.newliferiders.com frequently for places where you can let your light shine. Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus. May you be blessed as you ride, work and witness for Him.

We hope to see you at our meeting on Friday, July 5th at 6:30 PM at Bob Evans Restaurant, 6102 Cambridge Way, located off Route 267, just north of Route 70, Plainfield, Indiana 46168. If you will be in the area, please feel especially invited. Remember, you don't have to ride to be part of our group. All are welcome. We need prayer warriors, too!

It is my prayer that you have safe riding, blessings and many opportunities to share the love of Jesus to all those around you and keep on doing the good stuff.

Have a blessed Fourth of July!

*God bless,
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon*

***Jesus said, "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all."
Mark 16:15 (The Message)***