

## New Life Riders

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Dear Friends.

Can you believe in a few days it will be Spring? Yes, it is March! Time is flying by. A few weeks ago, I was talking on the phone with a friend, we were reminiscing about some of the trips and rides we did together over the years. He has also given up his bike this past year, as his wife is gravely ill. However, we still shared a few good laughs about some of the things we did together years ago.

Not long after that my cousin called. She and I talked about our childhood and the things we did as a family. We also talked about school and our activities there.

In Elementary/Grade School the Bible was read at the beginning of each day. The 23rd Psalm comes to mind.

Did you ever think about how frequently you have recited the 23rd Psalm? It is a passage that we cling to when our world has been shaken, such as losing a loved one or when we receive a heartbreaking doctor's report. It is a passage that provides comfort in the midst of the dark places and death.

I remember hearing that the two most important words in the 23rd Psalm are **though** and **through**. Though I am afraid, though I am in darkness of grief, though I have lost control over my life, though I feel lost and alone, "I fear no evil; for you are with me." There is no alienation, or darkness that cannot be overcome by the Good Shepherd and the power of God's love.

The other keyword in Psalm is **through**. The shepherd gives us the strength to put one foot in front of the other in the midst of our grief; in our journey through the valley. **Through** means that we get to the other side.

As we journey through the valley, know that we will get to the other side. Please care for one another be gracious to one another and don't hesitate to reach out for help.

## Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walked through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff... they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Even though we do not meet and have meals together like we used to, we are still New Life Riders. Our love for one another will show the world we belong to Jesus and be a testimony of the power of Christ to transform lives.

I know that several of you were concerned when I removed the events calendar from our NLR Website. But I also know that many of you have your own calendar that covers a large number of events, not just motorcycle events. That's great! That's the way it should be.

Check your calendar, look at what events are ahead? Whatever occasions are in store, make plans now and use those days as opportunities to share God's Word. As I mentioned before, you never know who you may influence for the Kingdom of God... just by having a friendly conversation. Remember the world is changed by your example not your opinion.

We should be happy to share our many treasured memories, how lucky we are to remember so many of them.

Prayerfully decide where you will be most effective. Don't miss any opportunity to make an impact for Jesus.

Please pray for our country, our troops, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, all those in the medical field and everyone who is serving to keep us safe!

May God smile upon your life so that the smile in your life reflects God's presence in it.

Until next time, love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

God bless.
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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Please watch for my emails, prayer requests and updates.

The following is a line used in the 1985 film Back to the Future. It is thought provoking. "Roads? Where we're going, we don't need roads!"

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)