

New Life Riders

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Dear Friends.

Summertime is upon us! I find it hard to believe that I am sitting here in Pennsylvania writing the July newsletter. So many things have changed over this last year for all of us. However, it is important to remember that God designed us to lead a full and healthy lives, inside and out. But change is hard, and it can be scary to step out in faith to make those healthy choices.

In May I said I believed that being part of the New Life Riders helped us develop and strengthen our faith. In my opinion the following verses from First Corinthians describe what we (you and I) are trying to do in life and motorcycle ministry.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the Gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you." (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

This is the way Eugene Peterson paraphrased those same verses in The Message. "Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ, but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it, I wanted to be in on it!" (1 Corinthians:9:19-23)

You are blessed as you ride, work and live for Him. As you go out to be Jesus to a lost world, tell the good news of Jesus Christ in ways that engage the motorcycling community. Remember what Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." This is where the rubber hits the road. I encourage you to make a fresh commitment today. There is no other way to God the Father. My brothers and sisters, heed His call and go forth in the love of Jesus!

Living in a free nation is a blessing, but the freedom we have in Jesus Christ is the ultimate blessing! The Apostle Paul writes in his epistle to the Galatians, "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm..."

In closing, as we observe this patriotic Fourth of July holiday, please pray with me for our military: "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect and bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform. Bless those family members who await their safe return and those who mourn the ones who have given the ultimate sacrifice. They need your loving and comforting touch. Lord, bless our veterans who have given so much. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen."

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

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road. Love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

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

On a humorous note: "Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up."