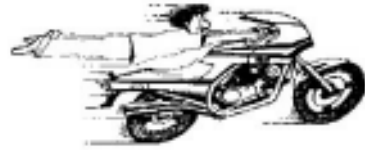


WHAT'S ON?

16th July Concourse d'elegance QLD. Brisbane, Story Bridge Bike Show, Capt. John Burke Park. Club Laverda Big Al on 0401 980 369



August 10-12: Tinny Rally at Tingoorra 22Klm's north of Kingaroy \$10 at gate even gets you a badge, shaded camping, catered from Sat Arvo Gymkhana.

August 26th: Z Owners Club Ride, Meeting Yatala B.P. service centre 9.30am leaving at 10.00am riding to Mooball Valley

October 5,6,7: Blues Rally Cooyar Hotel \$17 gives you entry, badge, camping and band. Band playing are the "Wolverines" I have heard they are pretty good too! Hosted by the Mount Lindsay Ulysses.

November 17-18: Imbil Rally up near Gympie, usual stuff and great rally too!!!

Shirts; Jumpers; Caps

We still have a few shirts, all shirts, jumpers and long sleeve shirts are **currently \$20** each which is below cost. We will not have another order now for a while like maybe next year so be quick to get one or two. I will also be reverting to other Christian Riders and Christian supporters being able to purchase shirts or caps. If you are interested ring Roscoe on **3388 3980** or drop in and see me. They are all moving quickly so get in if you want one today!

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Control and Manipulation!

Have a read of **John 9v1-5**. Then go and have a read of **Luke 4v18-23**. There are 2 things I want you to think about here, from the book of John we see that a man is born blind, the disciples asked the question who sinned, him or the parents? Jesus reply was neither, now if we take away the commas and full stops, we can also read it something like this v3 *Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him v4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.* Jesus was not even replying that the man was blind so that God could be glorified, basically if it were today Jesus would have said something like, "such is life but watch the power of God work in this mans life regardless of how or why was born blind".

Now when we read what Luke says, and also what Jesus said in Matthew 18v19, do you think that maybe you and I can lay hands on the sick and see them healed, that maybe you and I can also counsel someone with the word of God, ever stop to think that maybe we can even raise the dead, see the lame walk and so on? Ever think about that? I bet you have! There is also one thing that also stops us from doing any of this, and the main reason I have seen other than fear of nothing happening is Pastors or elders or people who are "high up" in the church say that you have to go to Bible school first, or you have to be a Christian for so many years, or who do you think you are we are the anointed ones of God to pray for the sick. You can't do that!

Have you ever found yourself in this situation? I know I have and I know plenty of other people who have too, in one way I agree with them, if it is "their church" they believe that they have to "know you first" but for how long? It is just plain dumb control and manipulation so that the people see them as someone special or having the anointing or for whatever reason they might give. Yet, noone owns the streets! It is not their church, it your street, your home, your work place, your school, your children, your relatives, **YOU** pray for them! Unfortunately many churches are and their leaders are "power happy" and don't want the "normal" people like you and me in the congregation to get any recognition that God can and does use us. I know of a good man of God who is a Pastor, he came to me one day and told me he had been invited to a large church to share his testimony, his senior Pastor told him he couldn't go and that it should have been him that was invited. That man never went, he missed that opportunity regardless of me sharing with him that he needs to do what God has told him to do not man!

You and I don't need a church building to pray for the sick, we don't need a church building to preach the gospel, we need the Holy Spirit and his anointing. We don't need Benny Hinns anointing or Kenneth Copeland or Billy Graham preaching anointing. We only need the Holy Spirit and God's anointing, God's word in our mouth and in our hearts, how many opportunities have you missed to possibly see God's power work through you because someone told you, "You are not allowed to" or something similar. Jesus himself gives us the command in Matthew to "go". Have you gone? It is a sad day when people are controlled and manipulated by "officials" but it is no different today than it was in the time when Jesus walked the earth in the flesh, have a read of Matt 5v20; Matt 12v12; Matt 23v13 and there are many more I could use to show you that Jesus hated everything about the pharisees and sadducees of his day. Is it any different today?

Why is the world so rampant with "New Age" teachings and followers? I will tell you why, because they promise the listener power and signs and wonders like tarot card reading comes to fruition, and palm reading shows people that there is a more real side to spirituality than they think. The church on the other hand very rarely offer anything like this, when was the last time you went out with your church into the streets and prayed for the sick without having to first jump through hoops and do back flips to be accepted? The kingdom of God is real my friends, and we need to learn how to tap into it and go and see a mighty move of God on the streets, who cares what church they go to after they get healed and saved as long as they love God and go somewhere and fellowship, isn't that all that is required.

What is the kingdom of God? **Mark 4v30** talks about it being the word of God as a mustard seed that grows and produces fruit, so in other words, we go to church learn the word of God and put it into practice and see it happen. **Mark 15v43** shows us that it gives us boldness, **Luke 9v12** shows us to preach and heal the sick with the kingdom of God, **Luke 10v9** also shows us this, **Romans 14v17** shows us that the Kingdom of God is not all about a God bless me club, nor about people controlling each other either. **1Corinthians 4v20** is the ultimate verse we need. Have you got this in your Christian walk? If not don't be depressed just make a choice decision and repent, tell God that the next opportunity you get to pray or share the word with someone you will do it, but make it a choice decision and don't go back on it, and don't let noone tell you that you can't do it either because the word of God tells us that we can do all things through Christ (the anointing) which strengthens us Phillipians 4v13.

I went to a camp recently, all I wanted to do was get away for a while, I wasn't even wearing my Bikers 4 Christ regalia but a lady knew me anyway and came and started talking to me, she told me about her partner being "Christian Orientated" and asked if I would talk to him. I didn't particularly feel like it at the time but I had no choice she dragged me over to him anyway. We spent the next hour sharing the things of God, he had experienced some pretty full on things like death and angelic visitations, he was a catholic, and also an ex Vietnam Vet, he had a heap of questions that had never been answered and God had me meet with him to answer those questions. In reality, I could have got out of it by saying you need to go and talk to a Pastor or a preacher, I am not "qualified" which I am not by many standards, but that man received from God that night and also met a person who was willing to spend time with him without having to go to a church and be criticised which is what he had gotten before anyway. So are you ready to step away from being controlled and manipulated? God will use you, and you will be judged for it too by those who say you are not permitted to do anything.

What's Been Happening?

I know one thing for sure.... It has been real COLD! The Toowoomba guys have been on their rides and supporting CMA with their Church raids every two weeks, I have tried to make a couple of them but have been inundated with weddings, I advertised on eBay and done exceptionally well! Paul and the boys from over that way have been for a ride out to laidley, said they had a great day of fellowship not sure how many went, but I know Paul had some work mates go along. I attended the Southern Cross Poker Run in between weddings taking my trailer on its first maiden ride and camp, it went well, froze my butt off out there at Esk and lay awake all night shivering, think it is time for some thermals!

We have some interest from Western Australia, a couple of guys over there now get the newsletter welcome fellas. Also a new rider in Sydney Elias (Hope I got that right mate) and his son are Hawaiian people living here and are looking to do the Lords work while riding, they also tell me in about 5 years they want to go back to Hawaii on a mission as Bikers 4 Christ, way to go guys, bless ya's. We have yet to still get Tina's Trike on the road, please pray for that, it seems we keep hitting a brick wall, a long story, Tina has got her ministry up and running now and a new web site for "Freedom Ahead Club" which is a prisoner post release support program, so if you are interested in that sort of stuff, we will keep you informed as it has only just got off the ground, she also has her little business about to take off as well, more about that in the future.

Me, Barry and Dave have had the odd occasional short spare of the moment ride together, other than that I have been busy with some counselling as well as receiving counselling with other issues involving my early teen years in detention. Wayne is tripping through town again to Sydney on his MT01, nothing stops that bloke! Spanner, where are ya mate, haven't heard from ya for a while!! Rob up in Townsville has just taken purchase of his new bike a Shadow I think, he is enjoying the warmth up there as well as the rain, not good riding weather I suppose! Go visit someone, ring someone, tell someone Jesus loves them, don't stand by and be a spectator, be a competitor, and run the race of God's Love!

*Some wish to live within the sound
of a chapel bell; I wish to run a
rescue mission within a yard of
hell. — C.T. Studd*

CUP OF LIFE by Mario (Sydney)

Think of your heart as a cup that we hold out to Jesus, longing that he might fill it with the water of Life. As he passes by he looks into our cup, and if it is clean, he fills it to overflowing. As Jesus is always passing by your heart can always be overflowing. This is whererevival starts, it is in the heart.

Tech Tips Revisited (October 2002):

- *Always ensure your sidestand is down properly when you get off your bike (haha).
- *If you own a Harley ensure you take your keys with you when leaving your bike parked, it does not matter where it is.
- *Check regularly your oil level it tends to stop the motor working when there is not enough of it.
- *fill up with petrol when possible don't push it or you may be pushing it.
- *If you get a flat tyre turn the wheel around as it is only flat on the bottom.
- *Do not wash your bike on a rainy day as you may get wet and it is very difficult to shammy off afterwards as well.
- *Never show off in front of people as you may fall off, I know this from experience, do it in privacy of your lounge room.
- *If your bike does not start trying turning the key on or the kill switch off - or is it the other way around?
- *Never buy a bike from a used car salesman, they can't be trusted!



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Check This Out!!

In the middle of the day, a minister decided to pause by the altar and see who had come to pray. Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle, The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while. His shirt was kind of shabby and his coat was worn and frayed, the man knelt, he bowed his head, Then rose and walked away. In the days that followed, each noon time came this chap, each time he knelt just for a moment, A lunch pail in his lap. Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear, He decided to stop the man and ask him, "What are you doing here?" The old man said, he worked down the road. Lunch was half an hour. Lunchtime was his prayer time, For finding strength and power. "I stay only moments, see, because the factory is so far away; as I kneel here talking to the Lord, This is kind a what I say:

"I just came again to tell you Lord how happy I've been, since we found each others friendship and you took away my sin. Don't know how much of how to pray, but I think about you every day, So Jesus, this is Jim just checking in today".

The minister feeling foolish, told Jim, that was fine. He told the man he was welcome To come and pray just anytime. Time to go, Jim smiled, said "Thanks." He hurried to the door. The minister knelt at the altar, he'd never done it before. His cold heart melted, warmed with love, and met with Jesus there. As the tears flowed, in his heart, he repeated old Jim's prayer: "I just came again to tell you Lord how happy I've been since we found each others friendship and you took away my sin. Don't know how much of how to pray, but I think about you every day, So Jesus, this is me just checking in today"

Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come. As more days passed without Jim, he began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill. The hospital staff was worried, But he'd given them a thrill. The week that Jim was with them, Brought changes in the ward. His smiles, a joy contagious. Changed people, were his reward. The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so glad, when no flowers, calls or cards came, Not a visitor he had. The minister stayed by his bed, He voiced the nurse's concern: No friends came to show they cared. He had nowhere to turn. Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up and with a winsome smile; "the nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, that in here all the while everyday at noon He's here, a dear friend of mine, you see, He sits right down, takes my hand, Leans over and says to me:

"I just came to tell you Jim, how happy I've been since we found each others friendship and I took away your sin. Always loved to hear you pray, I think about you each day, and so Jim, this is Jesus just checking in today."

If this blesses you, pass it on many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and Angels watch over you. But for those of us who are already His, He not only holds us in the palm of His hand, but has engraved our names there, and we are continually in His sight (**Isaiah 49:16**)

Please pass this page on to your friends & loved ones. If you aren't ashamed. Jesus said, " If you are ashamed of me," I will be ashamed of you before my Father."

If you are not ashamed, pass this on. But only if you mean it. Yes, I do love God. He is my source of existence and Savior. He keeps me functioning each and everyday. Without Him, I will be nothing. Without him, I am nothing but with Him "I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me." **Phil 4:13** This is too good not to share - So this is Roscoe... Just Checking in.

Jezebel

All these verses will give you an insight into Jezebel from the old testament. **1Ki 18:4, 1Ki 18:19, 1Ki 19:1, 1Ki 19:2, 1Ki 21:5-14, 1Ki 21:25; 2Ki 9:30-37; Rev 2:20** She was heathen princess who married a king of Judah and basically caused a lot of strife, she manipulated, controlled and steered Ahab's life in a very wrong direction, her Name Jezebel actually means, a servant of Baal. I have met people over the years and heard ministries refer to "The Jezebel" spirit being in a person or a ministry, but to me that is just a "Tag" for a problem that is obviously seen, some say yes it is an actual demonic spirit, but I have no idea or qualifications to say anything different or the same.

The reason I have titled this Jezebel is because maybe some of you have heard it, but what I really want to point out is this, the previous pages of this newsletter was on control and manipulation, which is what some say Jezebel is all about..... Why don't we just call it what it is and call it demonic, or witchcraft, because to control someone is witchcraft have a read of **1Samuel 15v23**. Witchcraft is simply rebellion against what God has told you to do, and to listen to what man tells you to do! Let me explain it a little better, previously I told of a man I knew who had the opportunity to minister in a large church and start his own ministry as well, his senior Pastor told him it was not God, that the senior Pastor should have been the one going to preach and that the man could not go. This same man also tried to start a ministry, which the senior pastor also took over. Now the man may have been in the wrong by simply not obeying the voice of the Lord in his own life, but the senior pastor was rebelling against God also, he saw the potential of money in what the other man was called to do, he also saw the potential of losing his greatest asset by the man branching out to start his own ministry.

Ultimately when that man stands before God and gives account of the calling on his life, he will not be able to blame the senior pastor, he will give account separately. Just like you and me, we will all give account of what we did do, or we didn't do for the Lord. Has the Lord called you to do something in him and you have rebelled against it? I know I have at times and even so recently, recently I had a certain attitude toward a large ministry that rang me and wanted me to start preaching again. I repented some time ago, apologised to the Lord for having that attitude but had no idea how to contact that man again. Just a couple of weeks ago, that man rang me once again, I apologised to him as well for my attitude, although he did not remember it, and we have now made contact once again, I am open to go where God wants me and do what he would have me do.

It was only after changing my attitude that I received 2 words from 2 separate pastors in 2 different churches that matched each other, I knew it was for me, and I knew it was only because I had repented of certain things. See, the Jezebel spirit, if it had of had its way in my life, I may have ended up like her, being fed to the dogs so to speak. My life would have gone nowhere as I would have been walking in rebellion and disobedience. If you read **Rev 2v18-25** again you will see that the Jezebel spirit is a spirit of "works". God searches the hearts of men, Jezebel caused the church to be in "fornication" not of the marital or sexual type, but the spiritual type! She taught to seduce the people of the church into "eating of things sacrificed to idols", now is that spiritual or physical? I think we all know better and know it means spiritual. The bible tells us God is a jealous God, he will not share his glory with flesh, and many other things like this, that we are to be obedient etc to Him and him alone!

I know too many people out there today who have a calling on their life, but they are withheld by their leaders or peers, they are frightened to go ahead and do what God wants them to. My church where I go is great, they train up there young people, they disciple people, they have plenty of programs for teaching people to work in the ministry and they encourage it in the congregation, people pray for one another, we don't see only the pastor preaching every week, we see the youth and those who are moving in the things of God being encouraged to move out in their God given talent. It was my pastor telling a story one Sunday morning that was the first word for me, then on the Sunday night I visited another church and got a direct word from the pastor who double confirmed what God had said through my own pastor that morning. Both pastors encouraged me, to keep my eyes on Jesus, seek him and what he would have me do and he will show me regardless of the surrounding situations.

So, how about you? Has the Lord asked you to do something, even the little things and you have been stifled or held back by someone else? The Jezebel spirit will control and manipulate you like this and it may use those closest to you as well, but there comes a time when you have to stand up and be counted, go forth, go out in the name of Jesus because it is him who called you, not man. I think too many times we want to be "Yes" men and women. We want to please others, where we should be pleasing God. I was reading on the internet recently where a few Australian churches (large ones) are throwing out their "feel good music", their big screens and smoke machines, because they have not seen the power of God in it, but rather they are returning to true worship of the Lord in their services and now seeing mighty things happen!

I think the days of the feel good gospel are well and truly over! Jesus called us to lay our life down, he asks us are willing to follow him all the way to the cross which means death, how many of us are willing to do that? We have been scared for too long to witness to people in case it offends them, so much so now the government is trying to outlaw it, some places they have in Australia like the Queens Street Mall. Guess what! People are dying a Godless life and going to hell, do you know someone recently who died without God, did you have the opportunity to witness to them, I mean really tell them straight about the love of God and how Jesus died for them?

I know a multitude of Christians who say God is going to bless me big time and then I will..... They will what? Those same people have been saying it for years and have done nothing, they will not be blessed by God until they step out and be obedient to what they feel they have to do with what they have. Like Moses, God told him to go to Egypt and deliver his people, in todays terms Moses would have been a Geek or a Nerd, he stuttered, probably wore reading glasses with thick rims and was not qualified! But still, God said go, Moses replied I have nothing, God said what do you have in your hand, a stick, throw it down, and it turned into a serpent, so Moses went in the power of God. He could have said God give me a thousand golden chariots and I will go, give me wealth beyond my dreams, how can I minister to Pharaoh of all Egypt who is wealthy, but Moses didn't he just went trusting God and he succeeded.

Today's generation is a "feel good generation", come to Jesus and he will make you feel good! Pphht, I don't feel good! Today many have to prioritize things, and in their priorities they leave no room for the moving of God's spirit, no spontaneity, no miraculous moves of God. People just don't have time any more. What will happen to people like that, they will stand before Jesus, will he say well done good and faithful servant or depart from me I never knew you! I look at my life regularly, is it just "works" or is it God working? How about you?