

# Back to the Future

I love the 3 movies “Back to the Future” starring Michael J Fox. I remember seeing the last one at a cinema in the city and when we walked outside we wondered if we were in the future, past or present, I was totally captivated and enchanted by the movie, it was an eerie feeling. Recently I saw an advert on Telly about the movie coming on one night and it got me to wondering how God had dealt with some issues I had during the year. Someone made a comment to me over Christmas or I was watching a Christian video and the comment made was “unless you let go of the past you can not continue on to the future that God has for you”.

How true! My attitudes toward Bikers 4 Christ all the way along was that all I wanted was to have half a dozen guys to go for a ride with, different people have made requests for myself and Bikers 4 Christ to do different things and I had declined due to the fact that we were busy and had very little support from members anyway with the exception of the half a dozen or so guys and girls that always attend everything. Some issues came up in my life that made me think, and now I question God and have a different attitude for 2005. I really believe God is going to set up some bigger things for us, he has been preparing us and equipping us, each and every one of us and you know who you are.

Why? Why is God going to do bigger things with us, simply because I have let go of the past. ME! I do not and never have seen myself as the leader of Bikers 4 Christ, but God may have seen it differently, we are all Bikers 4 Christ but he wants me (I think) to move on with what he has for all of us. Dave Woolf recently had the honour of doing a talk at a presentation with about 100 Bikers, we have been accepted by a lot of different Bike groups throughout the year and built up a good rapport with them, thanks to all the help from various members. I remember once someone saying “we may not be big in numbers but we will be big in effect” that ministry now has all but faded away from their original vision God gave them, and gone another course without accomplishing what they set out to do. I don’t want that to happen to us!

So what am I rambling on about? Simple, we are all ministers of the gospel as found in **2Corinthians 3:6 Amp** *[It is He God] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive. [Jer. 31:31.].* We are ministers of the “New testament or covenant or gospel” therefore as it is bringing people into a new future, we first also have to let go of the past ourselves. We can not and will not advance forward unless we let go of what is behind us.

**Phillipians 3:12-16 (Amp)** *Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own. 13 I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [yet]; but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward. 15 So let those [of us] who are spiritually mature and full-grown have this mind and hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also. 16 Only let us hold true to what we have already attained and walk and order our lives by that.*

OK, So what are some things that we may be holding onto that stop us from going forward in what God has for you or me personally? Let’s take a look at the Bible and what held others back from following Jesus. **2Corinthians 4:15** *For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.* Are you giving God the Honour, and Glory and Praise in your life for what he has done? This is a big one for me, are you letting sickness or other physical things hold you back **2Corinthians 4:16** *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* Am I staying in the word daily to keep myself built up spiritually? We need to keep our eyes on Jesus and not our surroundings **2Corinthians 4:18** *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Are you or am I hearing God call us to do something different and we are refusing and ignoring him? **Rev 3:20** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev 3:22* *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.* We need to be listening to the Holy Spirit and not man, He is our strength and guidance, He knows what is best for us, yes it is good to still seek a bit of wisdom from your Pastor but ultimately we must obey God.

**Luke 9:57-62** *And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

Sometimes we can get a little busy doing other things. Things that we think are what God wants us to do but rather they are a struggle, an effort. If this is so, it is not God, because Jesus said “take my yoke upon you, my Burden is not heavy but light” **Matthew 11:28-30.** Where God dives us a vision, He will give us provision, he will supply for us, not man, although it may come through man. Too many times have I seen the saints of God struggle, with sweat and tears to get somewhere, I have heard some say if it aint hard it aint God, which contradicts this above verse. Many times I heard people say “the devil is attacking me so I must be doing something right”, not necessarily, ever think you may be out of the will of God and away from his protection?

This last year has been a year for learning for me and now I know I an look forward and go forward into the things of God, the Kingdom of God, his blessings, his will for me and if it means doing more in Bikers 4 Christ then so be it! If it means stopping everything I am doing in Bikers 4 Christ then so be it. I once had a saying when I first got saved, which said “Where the Lord leads me I will follow, what he feeds me I will swallow”. As for me I choose to go forward, Like Luke says in **Luke 9:62** *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.* This year is going to be a year of God’s blessing in my life, a year of peace, joy and wisdom in the Holy Spirit. What is your year going to be?

Bless ya ~ Roscoe