

“Weathering the Storm”

Read 2Corinthians 4:6-11 first!

Some of us are going through some rough times, so we think? Read here what the disciples went through! Yes I am having a few problems myself so are quite a few of our readers, when I first started riding a Motorcycle, I didn't have the brains to pack wet weather gear on my bike, we would ride for hours, then come up into a storm or rain, we would pull over under the nearest bridge, bus shelter or servo and “sit it out”.

Sometimes we can get out of the will of God and cause the storms in our life ourselves, or other times it can be just part of life, it is not always the Devil! Recently I had a phone call from an old B4C member from 18 years ago, during conversation I realised that Bikers 4 Christ has been going for 4 years this time round, last time round it was that same four years we went for before many of us walked away from Bikers 4 Christ and some also walked away from God for various reasons, I saw the same mountain and the same storm clouds as 18 years ago. I rang Rod and a few others and we have placed everything on hold except for the Friday night fellowship nights and maybe a ride or two.

Bikers 4 Christ is still going strong, just quite a few people have personal issues to deal with at the moment and I have decided to pull up “*under the shadow of the almighty and take refuge in him in that secret place of dwelling*” (**Psalm 91v1**) from the storms. I have advised others to do so as well. We had a busy year last year and God has shown me over the last few months, I believe we really got away from what Bikers 4 Christ is all about “**Fellowship**”! It is not a Ministry, although we are all ministers of the gospel and called to minister to the lost as God shows us, but our main priority should be fellowship with God and one another, edification of one another, assisting one another, visiting the sick, the orphans, the homeless, those without transport, those going through a rough time.

I have seen an amazing thing lately, as we have all been stretched to the limit for whatever reason, we have reaped what we have sowed, we have been left alone because we have not visited others! The ones that do get the visits are the ones who took time out previously other than a ride or whatever to visit and say Hi, to have fellowship. I love getting on my bike, riding to say Hi to someone because I get a cup of coffee made for me!! I also mostly have some great fellowship too!

I would like to encourage you all, yes we do go through troubled times, Jesus did promise us a bed of roses, but guess what, roses have thorns! As we minister to one another and build each other up, that is when the Biker culture out there will start to see “Jesus in us” they will come over to us and ask questions why are you different? Why are you always happy, what is it about you that makes people like you so much? We will shine the glory of God from our lives but it will not happen unless you spend time with other Christians and share the glory each of us have in our lives, one might have joy, another peace, another long suffering, we need each other!! Now get off ya butt and go and visit someone, if you don't know where they live ring me and I will give you a phone number. People don't come to Jesus because “we are so great”, they come because they are led of the Spirit and we need that Holy Spirit in our life for that to happen.

Now read 2Cor11:23-3 and read the entire chapter of Hebrews 3