

HOW DO YOU THINK OF JESUS CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE?

At first I saw Jesus as my Observer, my Judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited Heaven or Hell when I die. He was out there, sort of like the President of my organization. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him.

But later on, when I recognized Jesus Christ as my own personal Saviour, it seemed as though my life became like riding a bike -- a tandem bike. I steered while Jesus sat behind and pedaled!!

I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but since *THEN MY LIFE HAS NEVER BEEN THE SAME!! MY LORD JESUS CHRIST TRULY MAKES LIFE EXCITING!!* When I was in control, I found my way, with His help. It was rather boring, but safely predictable. The shortest distance to my destinations were straight lines between two points -- two shallow points!!

When Jesus Christ took the lead position, He knew wonderful, exciting, longer, more fulfilling routes to take. We went up mountains, by beautiful lakes and streams, some rocky places, and at breakneck speeds!! It was exhilarating, and inspiring!! Many times it was and is all I could or can do to hang on to Him and stay on the seat!! Even though it looked like madness at times, He kept saying, "PEDAL"!!

Worried and anxious, I'd ask, "Where are we going?" He'd laugh and did not answer, but I learned to trust Him. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. When I'd say, "I'm scared!!", He would just lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy!! They gave me gifts to take along on my journey, rather Our journey, God's and mine, then we were off again. Jesus said, "Give the gifts away. They're extra baggage, too much weight!!" So I gave them to other people we met, who were in need, and by giving, received even more!! And still Our burden was light!!

At first I did not trust Jesus Christ to be fully in charge of my life. I feared He may wreck it. But He KNOWS all the biking secrets!! He can maneuver around sharp curves, jump over big rocks and gullies, or simply fly past scary places safely!!

Now I'm learning to shut up and pedal!! I'm learning to really enjoy the fascinating view and the cool breeze in my face. With Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour in the lead, with my wonderful, Constant Friend, Companion, Counselor in full command and authority, Life is getting more like what He intended Life to be!!

And at times when I feel I just cannot bear to do any more, Jesus Christ just smiles at me and says, "PEDAL" !!

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