

LETTERS TO LEADERS

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The last letter to Leaders was Dec. 29, 2006. Since then I have had a busy winter schedule. I am writing this letter to Leaders from Perth, Scotland. I probably will not be able to send it until we return home May 22nd or later.

KNOWLEDGE ABOUND

It occurs to me that the present body of Christ has more Biblical knowledge and theological understanding than any generation of Christians. Our present problem is that we do not act on our knowledge and understanding.

ACTION NEEDED

We as leaders must ask God for wisdom to activate the body of Christ to build His kingdom.

PARABLE OF THE BICYCLE

We all remember learning to ride our first bicycle. As adults we may remember helping our children to learn how to ride their first bicycle. Usually we would hold on to bicycle behind the seat, while our son or daughter would sit on the seat and peddle. We would hold them up to give them confidence while they peddled away.

LET GO

We would then let go of the bicycle as they continued to peddle, continuing to trot along side of them. They were actually riding the bike but they thought we were holding them up. Then we would stop trotting along and they would realize we were not holding them up. Sometimes they would panic and crash. But soon they did not even want us to help them. They gained the confidence they needed from our help.

RIDING FOR JESUS

As leaders we need to help people get started in riding for Jesus. Hold them up so to speak as they get the feel of things.

FREEDOM TO CRASH

As leaders we need to know when to let go. We know they may crash, but we are there to help them again. Soon, they do not need our help, but delight to launch out on their own.

HOLD ON – LET GO

The question to us leaders is when to hold on and when to let go.

Just as riding the bike is an act of faith, so learning when to hold on and when to let go is also an act of faith.

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Many leaders never want to let go. They want to remain the president of the cycling club. But not all of God's bicycle riders are content to "just ride with the club". They want to strike out on their own. They want to do something creative, something in their own heart.

This requires even more wisdom from us leaders, even greater faith to be willing to help them get started, but to turn loose and let them go.

We all love to help our own children as they leave home, get married, and guide their own destiny. However, we realize that we must trust in what we have trained them while at home to keep and guide them. We are tempted to grab the bicycle seat again, but we cannot do it. We must trust that God will grab their bicycle seat when necessary.

DO YOUR JOB

As leaders, do your job toward followers, then let God take over from there.

With His Love

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