

THE ROAD OF LIFE

At first, I saw God 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 a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him...But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, and up mountains, and through rocky places we rode at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on

Even though it looked like madness, He said, "PEDAL!" I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. I gained love, peace, acceptance and joy—gifts to take on my journey with my Lord. And then we were off again.

He said, "Give the gifts away. They're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did. I gave them to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it, but He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear high rocks, knows how to fly to shorten, scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do it anymore, He just smiles and says,... "PEDAL."

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Have you been on the bike with Jesus and then because of various difficulties, illness, misunderstandings or whatever you either fell off or jumped off the bike? Without Jesus life is hard and scary because it leaves you a wide open target for the flaming arrows of the enemy to attack you, and Satan gives no mercy. He attacks us hard and heavy in our weakest moments. Therefore, are we in agreement that we need Jesus moment by moment and day by day! We need to climb back upon that bike,

wrap our arms around our Savior and hold on for all we are worth and when He says PEDAL—pedal with Him and enjoy the ride of your life.

Listen! Do you hear Him? Is God telling you as you read this to PEDAL with Him? Then do it! Climb back up on that bike and pedal with Jesus for all you are worth.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, so many times I have been afraid and I have not trusted You to take care of me. I have let go when I should have hung on for dear life. I thought maybe, I could do a better job by myself, but oh what folly that was. Lies of the enemy were subtly dropped into my mind and as I entertained them, I let pride come in and when I hit that big bump in the road, I lost my hold on You and fell off. Forgive me Lord for my weakness and foolish behavior. Help me to take my rightful place in You once again.

Let me remember that You, Lord Jesus, are the true love of my life and to honor You in all that I think and do. Help me to yield my heart into Your loving hands to cherish and care for me as Your beloved child. I will never tire of hearing how loved I am, and that Your plans for my life are the very best for You have designed my future and my destiny is under Your watchful eye. Should I start to lose my hold on You, then dear Lord, tighten Your hold on me; don't let me fall!

Help me to trust You as we ride together and to let You lead me in all places for how can I learn to enjoy the exciting adventures with You if I fall or jump off the bike? How can I experience the beautiful relationships I am brought into through Your love, if I draw back and are not a part of the ride? I want my life to be used to reflect Your love and to receive the love of new made friends as well. Help me to welcome new adventures, new friendships, and new places and to be anxious for nothing; for my hope and trust is in You.

You put a smile upon my face, laughter in my heart, songs that soar within my spirit, joy bubbling up within my soul and best of all, YOU fill me with Your never-ending love!

And I love my custom made seat with my name engraved upon it, we are a good fit Lord, You and I.