

## NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Do you remember riding your bike as a child?

You start with stabilizers. One day your parent takes them off. You get on your bike. Your parents follow you closely, steadying you as you start to wobble.

Then they let go, watch you ride, wobbling and eventually seeing you fall, grazing your hands and knees.

This leaves children and their parents with 2 choices: put the stabilizers back on, or try again. The first leaves the rider weak; the latter helps them to be free; but may cause some pain and failure.

The child who gets back on the bike is not judged, but the parents watch proudly. They cringe at the pain of the child as they fall, but unless they let them go, that child will never learn. In no time the child rides safely, gaining complete independence.

This is like God and us. We have the choice to stay safe where we are, or to step out and take risks going on a journey with God.

Is something blocking our path? Are we disappointed or angry, perhaps we feel we are not good enough; are we holding something back?

God is a loving, proud parent to all who believe. God wants us to step out and believe. He gave us the ultimate gift in letting His Son die for our sins. How hard was it for God to see Jesus suffering on the cross? We can never know.

This we do know, Jesus said: "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." Revelation 3:20.

Have you shut the door tight, are you peeping through the crack, do you feel God has shut the door in your face? Not true. Jesus is waiting for you to open the door and bring new opportunities into your life with him.

Worried about making mistakes? Mistakes are not a problem, giving up and hiding is!

The Bible says: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Let's take our spiritual stabilizers off and start a new journey today!

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