

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It's Been A Good Season



It's good to share with you again. Some of you may already know there have been some changes in the Florida Trail Rider organization. One of those changes was to send out our magazine every other month. Though I missed you in the month of May, it is good to reconnect again for June!

How about that Haulin' Tail Hare Scramble? Suncoast Trialblazers, you did a great job. My unfortunate mishaps and poor finish is certainly no reflection on you. I want to take just a moment to say thank you to all of the clubs that hosted events this year. Thank you for your time and energy. I know the amount of effort it takes to host a hare scramble and an enduro; you have done well. I also want to say thanks to the motocross promoters that hosted the FTR Motocross Series. We appreciate your desire to be a part of our series and look forward to the opportunity to work with you again next season.

Speaking of motocross, to Carol Preston, you said that (because of issues outside of your racing life, i.e. work) you need to step aside as Motocross Chairperson next season. I have known you since your first visit to an FTR event. We have spent a lot of time together. It has been a pleasure to know you and I sincerely appreciate your love for this organization. I look forward to continually serving this great organization with you.

Wow, summer is here! Given the heat we had today, by the time you read these words you will probably be glad the season is over. At this time of the year FTR members are double checking their scores and thinking how they can work a ride into their summer vacation. In the Off-Road Racing Ministries camp we are gearing up for our annual fundraiser. Yep, it's that time of year again where we travel to compete in the Perry Mountain 24 Hour event near Maplesville, Alabama. This is always a special time of the year where a few of our friends come together to help us raise a little money for next season's expenses. If you would like to support our cause you can do so by contacting us via the phone or email. In turn we will send you a support flyer that you can fill out and mail back to us. Your donation is tax deductible and we deeply appreciate your contribution. By giving to this cause you will help to keep us doing what we do. By the way, though the Perry Mountain 24 Hour event may have come and gone by the time you read this article, you can still support us. Just give us a call or email!

Let me share some other food for thought. I know there are some of you that will never give consideration to the All Knowing Creator that I call God. However, what if I said, God is not all powerful. In other words, there is something He cannot do; that He has limits. Would that get your attention? Well, it is true and I will share God's limitation in a moment. Some of you who are skeptics have come to me and said, how can a God that is all powerful allow such evil things to occur in this world? If there is a God, why would these things happen? These are good questions. I have to be honest and say that it is hard to look a mother in the eye when she is asking such questions about the recent death of her child. However, would you say that life would be better if we were robots? What if there was no such thing as free will? We have been wonderfully made and we have the ability to make our own decisions. Grant it, we screw up. Humanity has this innate ability to make a mess of things. There are things going on in this world that are of our own doing. Yes, God sees and is aware but for reasons only He knows, He decides when He will and will not step in.

Now back to the question about God's limitation. Ravi Zacharias (a well known 21st Century teacher) once said, "Somewhere, somehow you (as the skeptic) are under the impression that God can do anything." If that were the case then God could be both loving and evil at the same time; but He is not. What is God's one limitation? He has an inability to be evil. For many, they see God as some gray bearded figure clothed in a white robe in a galaxy far, far away looking at a computer screen seeking to make their life miserable. That job

has already been taken by another. The Bible (in 1 Peter 5:8) describes the Evil One as a lion seeking whom he may devour. However, in Jeremiah 31:3 God says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness." Today there is a huge misconception about who God is or if He really exists. All that we know about God comes from scripture, that scripture is then validated in the life of a believer. In other words, it's played out in a person's life and that's pretty cool. So, if you are still wondering if He really exists; trust me, He does. Better yet, you don't have to trust me, trust Him and you'll see for yourself.

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