

## **STAY CONNECTED TO OUR POWER SOURCE AND ALERT TO MEETING MY GOD-GIVEN APPOINTMENTS**

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As I reflect on the various events that me and my Christian motorcycle buddies have participated in over the last month I see we've been quite busy. Besides the regular events like the chapter fellowship and a hospital visit, we served at the AL State HOG Rally, SoulStock, AL Baptist Children's Home, and most recently the Mount Hope Tornado Relief Benefit. In all of this busy-ness, let's be reminded, as I am reminded, to stay connected to the source of our strength and operate under the power of His anointing as we use each of our unique God-given gifts to be like Christ as we're serving or simply eating/meeting somewhere. By our operating in His leading and in the Power of the Holy Spirit, we'll serve and minister as Jesus would; "What Would Jesus Do (WWJD)?" Jesus was the perfect example of how we are to live here on earth. My pastor noted that Jesus himself (God with skin on) did not begin ministry until after he was empowered by the Holy Spirit, and we also see from the Scripture that He stayed connected to His source of strength by communing with His Father daily. I find that I am less effective in my service and ministry if I do not retain the mindset of WWJD in every situation that faces me and I do not function under the Power and leading of the Holy Spirit. Yes, there are times that I might handle a situation as Jesus would, but in reality I operated out of my own independence and strength and likely missed an opportunity, since I did not follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Case in point: I'm going to brag on my Christian buddy, Roger. On a particular Saturday we met at Jack's in Decatur to group-up for the ride over to Natchez Trace Harley-Davidson to participate in the tornado relief benefit event. Having my "time management hat" on, I and was ready to get on the road (thinking this to myself) but my brother Roger was not in any hurry and he took only an extra five-to-ten minutes to pray with, and bless some other bikers who were on their way to the Smoky Mountains. I would have missed this; shame on me. I told Marina later in the day that I learned something by his example. Sure we would have donated \$s at the benefit, but maybe what was really more important in that entire day was our taking the time to pray protection over the group of bikers before they took their long journey. Lord I pray, "Please slow me down so I don't miss those divine appointments you place in my path each day."

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