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## Are you ready for the Gate to Drop?

People say motocross is expensive... People say motocross is dangerous.... You know what – they're right. But in the grand scheme of things, isn't life dangerous? The world is dangerous and I'm not just talking about our bones, I'm talking about our souls. A couple of years ago I held the hand of a 16 year old racer that died. I prayed over him, and with his father, for what seemed like for days waiting for that helicopter to arrive. It reminded me of recent incident with another young man that I thought was going to die too, also waiting for that ever so dreaded helicopter ride. But he made it and was back racing in just a few short months. I have to admit waiting for those helicopters really tested my faith, even though God has proven himself so many times in my life. Both of these young men were/are Christians, both good boys, good family – you know the story. I have prayed with parents as their young ones have become paralyzed, I have prayed over racers that I'd sworn had broke legs, yet after prayer they got up to race again. I've seen paralyzed kids become fully functional to race again, but I've seen some that got worse too. I had the opportunity recently to meet up again with the father of the son that didn't make it that day and what a testimony he shared. I was without words that he was back at the track, not only back, but back in full support of his younger son's return to racing. In his testimony he informed me that after his son's death, they found out through autopsy that he had stage 2 leukemia. I could go on, but that's enough right there. God is in the business of making Blessing out of tragedy. Does that make life easy? – NO. Get Jesus and all the pain goes away? NO. Get a little Holy Spirit and experience no more struggles, NO NO! Life is not all lollipops and God's word tells us over and over that we will have troubles. And sometimes God lets us know why things like this happen, and sometimes he doesn't. I don't have all the answers, and I know it's sometimes unbearably hard. But God does have them if we look to Him and trust in Him. He knew from before we were born what the plan was/is. It's our job to come to trust him because he will not leave us and he will not forsake us. He is the one we turn to in all things. At the end of the day, He IS - all there really is. At the end of the day, even motocross is not all that. At the end of the day, businesses promotions are not all that. Parties are not all that. The cool mods on that bike we're riding are not all that. That nice RV or trailer we've always dreamed of is not all that. At the end of the day, today or someday, we'll all know that all these things of the world or just not all of that.

As racers, we learn to check our bikes before getting on the track, but do we check our heart before hitting the track? We all train to be ready when the gate drops, but have we trained our hearts properly and accepted the Lord as our Savior? Going to the wrong gate at a race is not that bad of thing, but going to the wrong gate once we leave this life will be HELL. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow, but we are guaranteed eternity in Heaven if we've been saved. All it takes it to ask and you will be saved. All you have to give up is your UNBELIEF.

Blessings,  
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