

GOD'S HIGHWAY



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While riding through the mountains the other day I couldn't help but notice the guardrails standing along the edges of the road. There were

many guardrails that were dented or bent and there were even some that had even been uprooted and misplaced. In many places the guardrails seemed a bit menacing almost like they were hanging around on the edge of the road just waiting to be hit. I know you must be thinking, "Why in the world was he looking at guardrails". Well, mostly because they were the only thing between me and the edge of the road and the last thing to stop you from going over the edge of the mountain.

A couple of years back while riding along

on Hwy 60 just south of Suches, Georgia, we came upon a motorcycle accident. The bike had run off the road and was jammed under the guardrail. The rider and passenger received

only minor injuries and for the most part just really shaken up. Several of us stopped to see if we could offer and help. My wife and sister-in-law went up the road to warn and slow the traffic to keep it from piling in on top of the downed bike. Some of the folks were attending to the injured couple, so a few of us men folk decided to get the bike from under the rail and out of the road.

The bike was entangled under/in the guard rail and it was impossible to just drag the bike away. The handlebars and the front end were on one side of the guardrail and the rest of the bike was on the other side. We had to lift the rear of the bike and twist it around to get it out and away from the guardrail. It was obvious that the guardrail stopped the bike from plunging over the side of the mountain and landing several hundred feet below. If the guardrail hadn't been there it would have been much worse for those folks than it was. I'll have to admit that hitting a guardrail has

never been high on my list of fun things to do, but the idea of a guardrail on the edge of the road took on a whole different meaning that day. I am pretty sure that you will agree that smacking into a guardrail is not a good thing. In reality those guardrails are placed there to protect us from some greater danger. This is pretty much the same reasoning behind some (not all) of the laws we are expected to obey.

Most importantly the bible gives us God's standards for how we are to live. While we may feel that this is a bothersome or restrictive set of rules, the truth is God's word is there to guide and protect us. Just as those guard rails keep us from plunging over the cliff to the harm below, God's instructions keep us on the right road and protected from things that will really harm us. I encourage you to read the bible and live according to God's directions found there. Let me assure you that riding on God's Highway is the safest place you can be for now and into eternity.

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MOTORCYCLE RECALLS

Kawasaki is recalling certain model year 2011 VN900D, Vulcan Classic LT, motorcycles. The tire inner tubes might have been pinched during the mounting of the tires. Damage to the inner tubes could result in loss of air pressure. Loss of tire air pressure could result in a tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace any damaged tubes free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during June 2011. Owners may contact Kawasaki consumer services department at 1-866-802-9381.

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