



Check Your Messages

Not too long ago I was walking across campus when I was almost run over by a student on a bicycle. He quickly apologized, and as I watched him disappear into the distance I couldn't help but remember the bike messengers in New York City.

Bicycle messengers, a natural part of the New York City hustle and bustle, dart through nightmarish traffic to deliver packages. As a pedestrian you learn to look out for these bikers as they risk their lives, zipping around city buses and cutting off vehicles many times their size, just to deliver the message. You dare not get in their way and risk delaying their deliveries. They are that serious about their mission. And apparently their message is *that* important.

Which brings me to these questions: Are bike messengers the only ones who have urgent messages to deliver? Haven't *we* acquired a crucial message too? We face an adversary who wants to keep us off track, and so, the trick becomes discerning what is your message and whom are you delivering it for.

Just leafing through the pages of this issue you'll meet messengers who, like the New York City bike couriers, burn with the urgency of delivery.

For instance, take Michael Ehm—he's back at Andrews University after first enrolling 30 years ago. He chased a dream of becoming a music promoter—until the words of

Solomon chased him back to God (p. 6). Ehm has a message.

How about Nathaniel Gibbs? Once a pink-haired, hearse-driving rebel, he and his brother Jacob took a route that was anything but scenic. They each have a message (p. 29).

All these messages are possible because of Isaiah 43:19 where God says, "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, [and] rivers in the desert."

As we go forward this year, let's not forget that God wants the best for us, and He wants us to share His message with a lost world. Even as you read these pages, your story is still being written and waiting to be dispatched. Hold on to your handlebars and don't run over any pedestrians. ■

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