My name is Richard. I was born in 1965 in Groton Connecticut. I was a fatherless child. My mother raised three boys and one girl by herself. Mom introduced us to the church in 1970. By 1975 I had learned that I didn’t want to go to Hell, and there was something I needed to do-- I wasn’t sure what.

We moved around a lot. I went to 15 different schools, so I was always the new kid in the class. Being raised by a single mom on welfare, we were poor, sometimes homeless. I learned to push God aside and do things “my way“-- alcohol, drugs, fighting, and so on.

In 1986, after a year in jail, I married my high school sweetheart. We started a family together. I was learning by that time that I really didn’t like most of the “my way“-choices I made. So, I went back to the God of second, third, fourth, (etc.) chances. Of course, he accepted me back with open arms.

I lead my family in the direction of Christianity as a dictator at first, and then learned how to love them through life like Jesus loves me. We moved to Florida in 1988, raised our three children, and now have been blessed with 8 grandchildren. Gail went back to school in her late 20s and became an RN, she is still in that field today. I fumbled around with different jobs and businesses until 2011 when I opened Alliance Taxi. That is my niche.

I met Lorraine with Samaritan ministries through the house of worship we attend called Palm Coast Bible Church. We started working together moving her clients. Sometime in my life I came across this verse James 1;27 “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their trouble and to keep oneself unspotted from the world”.

As a man it is sometimes hard to follow this verse, however working with my wife Gail, Lorraine, and Samaritan Ministries, I feel I am going in the direction God wants me to go.

Thank you, Samaritan Ministries for giving me this opportunity.

Richard Dake,

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