

## Essay from the bald pastor

### #139 - Bikers, B. A. C. A. –

FA (pronounced fei) was a beautiful, active girl when she was a child. She was energetic and would always make everyone laugh. But when she was 10, her mother got remarried and everything changed. Her stepfather started sexually abusing her. She couldn't tell anyone, and fear never left her at night. It was hell. Hitting rock bottom, smile disappeared from her face. She stopped getting out of her room and seeing people. Nightmares disturbed her and slight noise frightened her every day. When she turned 12, she finally revealed the truth to her mother. They filed a law suit against her stepfather and a three-year-long battle began in court. However, a question came up. Who would guarantee the safety of this mother and daughter during the trial? FA is scared to death, and her mother is in complete distress. That's when about 20 guys on roaring Harley Davidsons showed up at their home. With bearded faces, sunglasses, and robust bodies, they looked nothing but rogues. FA and her mother stood there speechless.

The guys call themselves B. A. C. A. (Bikers Against Child Abuse). They're a volunteer organization consisting of members who passed a background check by the FBI and having an access to a Licensed Mental Health Professional. Members include therapists, attorneys, and counselors. Their only objective is to protect children. They guard abused children who have contacted them around the clock until they no longer feel frightened. For the mission, they would go anywhere with the child; to school, to shopping, to a friend's house, etc. Working in conjunction with the police, local and state governments, courts, and schools, they even attend trials in court to guard the child if necessary. To keep confidentiality, members and the children call each other by nicknames or "road names" in their term. The above mentioned FA is also a road name. Thanks to the group's effort, FA recovered herself and her smile returned to her face once the case was resolved. Not only did she return to her high school and move on to a college, she also participates in events such as motorcycle rides with the organization members.

"Our real goal is not only to protect children but to help them realize their strength and take a step toward the future," says Tombstone, the president of the Los Angeles Chapter. This remark reminded me of the following verse in the Bible.

***For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.***

**Colossians 1:13**

Many come to church for help. However, that is not enough. If you let Jesus Christ in your heart and trust him, you must take a step forward with him. You may be in despair. You may feel alone having no one to turn to. Bear in mind, however, that the moment we start believing in Our Savior Jesus Christ, He will protect us anytime and anywhere. Then, He shows us the way to the future and walks alongside us.

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