

LIFES RODEO

I will help you rodeo, Daughter, and name you as Champion Barrel Racer in the arena of life. I am your father and will give you strength. You will only rodeo one circuit that will span all your tomorrows. It is a long barrel run, so do you best on each turn. Your reward will be the satisfaction and self-esteem you gain for your efforts.

You have truly great arena help, consisting of Honesty, Loyalty, Devotion to Duty, Self Respect, Cleanliness, Good Behavior, and Courage. Your three arena Directors share great reputations also, for they are Faith, Hope and Charity. In this rodeo you will go by ten rules which you know as the Ten Commandments, and you will follow in accordance with your own faith. There is also one important ground rule to obey " Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The flag at the end of your run will open the gates of Heaven, where God sits as Judge, Flagman and Timekeeper.

I will open the starting gate and see you enter the arena of years on the fast horse called life. Should you be tossed from your saddle, I know when the dust has settled you will climb aboard once more to race the clock to a good finish.

Stay on top, Daughter - Give it all you've got, and lets see you run.

**Sonny Parker
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