



## 5 MINUTE LESSONS ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD

# The Power of Jesus' Name

It was raining in Colorado Springs, and my wife and I were going at a pretty good rate of speed in our little white Honda Civic. And why not, the traffic light was green and we were in a hurry. Suddenly, I looked up and a truck had run a red light and then decided to stop in the middle of the intersection. I couldn't turn left and I couldn't turn right. In a few seconds it would be impact, and a head on collision. Suddenly my wife cried out, "Jesus! Jesus!" It was the strangest feeling. It felt like children that were playing with toy cars. A power from on high, with a large hand on top of my car began to push down on my roof. I was already in a skid, waiting for the impact of the truck which was sitting in the middle of the street.

It had to be God! My car stopped just in time and it wasn't because of my brakes. It was Jesus, and through faith in His Name we were made whole (Acts 3:16). I guess God didn't want my three children to be orphans by losing their father and mother.

I had a similar experience when I was in high school. A friend of mine was with me on my motorcycle as we traveled from the Tulsa area after a motorcycle motocross event. We were traveling around 50-60mph when my motorcycle had a blow out on the front tire. The motorcycle went into a wobble. (I think it's what is known as a high speed wobble that many motorcyclists don't recover from). I wasn't walking closely with the Lord, but in that moment, I cried out to Him and in my distress He heard me. The motorcycle corrected its wobble and steered to the side of the road. We were unharmed. Why is God so good? I don't know.

I heard of a passenger who survived a plane crash and he said instead of people crying out to God in their final moments of life, they were cursing the God that made them. Jesus said,

*"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."*

(Luke 6:45 KJV)

I was thrown from a horse and landed on my head on a concrete street. The same thing happened to a neighbor and she was paralyzed the rest of her days. I survived a motorcycle accident on the main street of our city, was hit by a ball bat to the head, and I almost drowned in a pond.

I am an old man now. And I am trying, with the Lord's grace, to finish this race strong. Paul said,

*"<sup>6</sup>For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*

*<sup>7</sup>I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

*<sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."* (2 Timothy 4:6-8 KJV)

Folks, it's not those that start the race, but those who finish the race that get the prize. Where are your priorities today? Jesus said,

*"<sup>20</sup>Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."* (Matthew 6:20-21 NLT)

## Questions

**1** Can you believe it? God loves even His enemies.

True or False

**2** Can you believe it? Before you came out of the womb, God knew you.

True or False

**3** Jesus' call was, "Follow Me!"

True or False

**4** I hope to see you in Heaven. Will you be there?

### **We want to hear from you!**

We would love to hear your feedback on these lessons and how you use them in your own study or in discipling others. If you have any thoughts, stories, testimonies, comments, or questions we would love to hear them!

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## Answer Key

**1** Can you believe it? God loves even His enemies.

**True**

***“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8 NASB)***

**2** Can you believe it? Before you came out of the womb, God knew you.

**True**

***“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee...” (Jeremiah 1:5 KJV)***

**3** Jesus’ call was, “Follow Me!”

**True**

**If you fall down and get back up, you are still following. If the one you are following looks back and you’re not to be found, are you following?**

***“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24 KJV)***

**4** I hope to see you in Heaven. Will you be there?