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A Close Call!

Welcome one and all and I pray you enjoy this interesting article written by our WCF design and Webmaster, Erwin.

In the last few years we have written about the importance of praying BEFORE you go out of your door and also before you drive.

Please read this great article and look at some further resources at the end.

Love Jerry and the WCF Team.

This morning started like countless others.

As I got into the car, my hand instinctively reached for the radio. On other days I might have chosen a podcast or a YouTube video to accompany the drive. But today something prompted me to leave everything off.

Instead of filling my mind with more noise, I decided to enjoy the silence.

Before pulling away, I prayed a simple prayer.

“Father, please guide me today. Give me wisdom, watch over me, and grant me a safe journey.”

It wasn't a long prayer. It wasn't eloquent. It was simply intentional.

I drove out of the parking area, turned left, and continued through the quiet neighborhood at a modest speed.



Moments later, as I entered the next intersection, everything changed.

From my left, a young woman on a bicycle suddenly shot across the intersection, riding straight through her stop sign without slowing down.

There was no time to think.

I instinctively slammed on the brakes. Everything inside the car flew forward onto the dashboard and windshield as the car came to a sudden stop. And she zoomed by maybe 50 cm away from the front of my car

For one brief moment, our eyes met. She immediately lowered her head in apology and continued on her way, apparently realizing what had just happened. She wasn't looking at a phone or distracted by headphones. Somehow, she had simply failed to stop.

I sat there for nearly a minute. My heart was pounding, but my overwhelming emotion wasn't fear.

It was gratitude. “Thank You, Lord” I blurted out loud”. I was so thankful because a young woman

had just been spared what could have been a life-changing tragedy.

As I continued driving, the previous few minutes replayed repeatedly in my mind.

What if I had been driving just a little faster?

What if I had been distracted by a podcast?

What if I had been changing radio stations?

What if my attention had been divided for just one second?

I cannot say with certainty what would have happened. Only God knows that.

What I do know is that this experience reminded me of something we too easily overlook.

And that is how much we need God's guidance every single day.

We live in a world that constantly competes for our attention. Music, news, social media, notifications, podcasts, videos, and endless streams of information leave very little room for quietness.



Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

Not just the important decisions.

Not just the difficult seasons, not
just Sunday mornings at a service.

Whatever the means, today's close call reminded me that every journey is safer when it begins with acknowledging God.

Sometimes it is in those quiet moments, when we stop filling every second with noise, that our hearts become more aware of God's presence and more attentive to what is happening around us.

I am thankful that today's story ended without injury, without damage, and without regret.

It could easily have ended

It takes only a few seconds. And sometimes those few seconds may matter more than we ever realize.

A thousand may fall at your
side, And ten thousand at your right
hand;
But it shall not come near you.
Because you have made the Lord,
who is my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling
place,

10 No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near
your dwelling;
11 For He shall give His angels
charge over you, To keep you in all
your ways.

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NOTHING; BUT IN EV-
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WITH THANKSGIVING
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MADE KNOWN UNTO
GOD.” PHILIPPIANS 4:6



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