

How To Live Like a King's Kid (Romans, Part 2)

- Female Drivers: - PPT slides (6)
- Lee Stoneking's friend getting "push" from lady driver

One man said, "I tell you, women drivers are a hazard to traffic! Driving to work this morning on the highway, I look over to my left and there's this woman doing 65 miles an hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror checking her hairdo. I look away for a couple of seconds and when I look back she's halfway over in my lane. It scared me so bad that I dropped my electric shaver in my coffee!"

- Male Drivers: - men have only one fault – not asking for directions!
- getting lost when Dad was driving – always "calm" 😊
- Route 5 to LA instead of Route 405 to Long Beach
- getting lost driving to Sussex
- just being a bit "off" can really cost you in the end!

The most serious mistakes we make in life are those that mess up our relationship with God, and take us outside of His plan for our lives. The Bible identifies four different ways that human beings mess up ...

TRANSGRESSION - A STEP (THE LINE)

1 John 3:4 - Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Psalms 19:13 - Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

TRESPASS - A SLIP (THE BANANA PEEL)

Leviticus 5:17-19 - And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist it not, yet is he guilty ... he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD.

Matthew 6:14-15 - For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

INIQUITY - A SEPARATION (THE WEDGE)

Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Matthew 7:21-23 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven ... And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

SIN - A SHORTFALL (THE CANYON)

This final word is the concept most commonly found in the OT and NT to describe our mistakes; it signifies "MISSING THE MARK." Here's the kicker ... Even if it were possible for us not to commit sinful ACTS, we still have a sinful NATURE by birth – that means ALL of us are sinners!

THE BRIDGE (one click per bullet)

- The Bible tells us that we were created to have a relationship with God.
- But because the human race rebelled and walked away from God's will, we are burdened down with sin.
- There is now a "chasm" between us and God that we cannot cross.
- We subconsciously spend our entire lives trying to bridge this distance (i.e. being a good person, being religious). But no matter how far we "jump" we still fall miserably short!

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

- The bad news is that the penalty for falling short is death! It's already too late for every one of us, even if we only broke ONE of God's laws!

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- This death is not physical death, but spiritual death – for eternity! There's no escaping this destiny unless you experience salvation. Eternity is so long that it would be worth paying ANY PRICE in this life to be saved!
- The good news is that God doesn't expect us to remedy the situation on our own. In fact, He provided HIMSELF as a sacrifice for our sin!

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.

- Until this moment in today's lesson, you could be in just about any church, because they basically all believe these things – that man has sinned and that he needs salvation. **BUT THE CRITICAL QUESTION IS "WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?" YOU CAN'T MAKE A MISTAKE ON THIS ONE!** Here's what Scripture says ...

John 1:12 But as many as **RECEIVED** him, to them gave he **POWER** to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his **NAME**.

- Notice that there are three elements here ... first, we must RECEIVE the Lord into our lives; second, we must believe in such a way that it invokes the NAME of Jesus Christ over our lives; third, we must allow God to give us the POWER to change us.

There is only ONE salvation message, regardless of what various denominations say! It is not that WE are right and THEY are wrong; it is that the BIBLE is right and EVERYONE ELSE is wrong! Only this Bible message, only the salvation provided by the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross bridges the chasm between us and God. Only His death, burial and resurrection have the power to stamp out our penalty of eternal death! Every denomination agrees that we need to RECEIVE the Lord, but so many of them miss the other two elements – taking on His NAME and allowing Him to give us His POWER.

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- THE CROSS BECOMES THE BRIDGE THROUGH FAITH! BUT WE CAN ONLY CROSS THE BRIDGE THROUGH OBEDIENCE! (You can believe in planes all you want, but belief alone won't allow you to fly across the country!)
 - Here's how we cross the bridge ... it's the ORIGINAL ALTAR CALL of the New Testament church ...

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the **Holy Ghost**.

- The only question is: **WHERE ARE YOU IN RELATION TO THE BRIDGE?**

Romans 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.