

OUT OF CONTROL

As I was driving to the office the other day, I came upon a large section of black ice which sent my car spinning out of control. I pumped the brakes like one is suppose to when in that situation, but I just couldn't seem to get the car under control. I found myself sliding toward the right side of the road where several large trees and a steep ravine awaited my arrival.

Fortunately, my quick and decisive action to pump the brakes straightened the car out momentarily, keeping me from certain peril. Still out of control, the car slid back over into the left lane where a Ford F-150 awaited my arrival. Fortunately, the driver of the pickup saw what was going on in front of him, and reacted quickly by easing over ever so slightly to let me slide by. Believe it or not, through all the chaos, I found time to nod and wave in an attempt to thank him for not making me a hood ornament. Finally I was able to regain some control and continue on my way.

Most of us have been in situations where we've felt out of control. Sadly, many of those chaotic and un-nerving experiences were self-imposed. Many folks are journeying through life recklessly and without any regard for anyone's well-being, including their own. This is true physically and spiritually. Think about it. How many folks do you know that seem to be out of control relative to their finances, temperament (anger), position (authority), drug addictions, sexual immorality, etc.? The masses are spinning out of control and are on a collision course for destruction and don't even know it (**cf. Mat. 24:36-39**). None of us have any control over

tomorrow, and the truth is, our physical lives could come to an abrupt end immediately (**cf. Jam. 4:13-14**). We do, however, have control and a choice over how we live our lives here on earth and the destination of where we'll spend our eternity (**cf. John 5:28-29**). The question is, "*Are we willing to change course, if need be, by straightening out our lives and aligning them with God's Word?*" **Gain control by allowing the Lord the driver's seat!**

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