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How God Used Officer Angel

It was bitterly cold that night when Police Officer Jim Angel pulled up behind a car parked on a four lane roadway. He got out to investigate. Through a window of the car, he saw an elderly couple **with their heads bowed**. As he knocked on the glass, his concern was that they may have become victims of hypothermia in the extreme cold. The woman raised her head and rolled down the window. She told him that the engine would not start and that **she was praying for God to send an angel to rescue them**. As she talked, a street light reflected off his badge and she saw that it said "**Officer Jim Angel.**" She was shocked and **so was her husband**. The officer asked her to raise the hood to see if he could find the problem. He noticed a loose battery cable and tightened it. She was able to start her car. They thanked him and went on their way.

A few years later as Officer Angel was working security at Wal-Mart, the woman driver recognized him and asked if he remembered her. He did not. She told him the story of her being broken down with her husband on that cold winter night and he recalled it. Then she told him that **her husband gave his heart to Jesus Christ that night and was saved as a result of the Lord answering their prayer to send an angel to rescue them**. She told him that her husband had passed on a few years before but she was thankful to Officer Angel because **that night was what made a believer out of him** and she knew her husband was in heaven.

In the true story above, God used Jim Angel, who is a Christian, to win a soul to the Lord primarily because his name was "Angel." But, our names do not have to be "Angel" in order for the Lord to use us as an angel. "**Angel**" means "**messenger**" and Jesus charged His followers to be His messengers to the lost, "**Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature**" (Mark 16:15).