



Sam and Ella's Restaurant (Salmonella)



Your Name Is Higher Still

God has now lifted Him so high, and has given Him the name beyond all names, so that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, whether in Heaven or earth or under the earth. And that is why, in the end, every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11

From song:

*You turn the grave into a new beginning.
Our God is risen, you're alive and breathing.
There's nothing that can rise against your victory.
Your name is higher still.*

The Power of This Name is Remarkable. The power it carries was earned by the selflessness of Jesus, who laid down His privileges as God to take on our frailties and sin and died a brutal death in our place.

It's not a tag line we stick onto the end of our prayers. It carries the weight and authority of Heaven. Have we allowed our familiarity with it to lessen our expectations?

It's not a firecracker, it's a stick of dynamite!

A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!" Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered. Acts 19:13-19

These guys were not new to encountering demons, they had been casting them out with some level of success. But they apparently saw Paul dealing with devils using the Name of Jesus and realized how much more powerful it was than what they had been doing. So they wanted to add it to their tool bag. Not go all in with His Lordship, simply add it to what they already had. It's not ANOTHER Name—it's **THE NAME!**

Keys to making sure you don't get beat up:

□ **Handle with care:**

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain..." Exodus 20:7

A name is more than what I'm called, in Jesus' culture it represents who I am. Can't just slap it on the end of our requests and expect the supernatural. We can be saved and still live a life filled with compromise. But there is a cost—The Name is an "All In" environment. Our choice to compromise is also a choice to

walk in less Kingdom Authority and Power. The difference in being “in the Kingdom” and “Inheriting the Kingdom”.

□ **Handle with skill:**

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. **And** whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”*

John 14 :12-13

That “and” connects it to some prerequisites that are required of us. Become skillful. Illustrate with a tool, that if skillfully used makes the task easier, but if used unskillfully might even cause harm. For example: a car buffer makes a car shine or destroys the paint. All depends on the skill of the user.



A buffer used with skill



A buffer used incorrectly

Wear it proudly:

“All who are victorious I will make pillars in the temple of My God, and that person will never have to leave the presence of God. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.” Revelation 3:12

I know who I am in that Name, and I know to whom I belong and I know where I belong.

(Use verse here. For instance: You turn the grave into a new beginning. Are we allowing Him, and His victory, to turn our “graves” into new beginnings or are we still grave-tending?)

Response:

Let’s think about our name for a moment.

Palm Sunday: a date that reminds us our name is written in the palms of His hands.

Isaiah 49:16 ***“See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands...”***

Your name is known in Heaven.

“All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and His angels that they are mine.” Revelation 3:5

Those who've chosen to make His victory theirs, accepting Him as Lord and Savior, have names written in the Book of Life. Again, Heaven knows your name.

We know Jesus. We know Paul. We don't know you.

How well does hell know your name?

Today is a good day to recommit ourselves to the Name above all names. His Name hasn't lost any of its authority or power. It still has the power to save, heal and deliver. Let's leave this place with a fresh desire to wear His Name well!