

Lesson 12 November 21, 2021

## Family Restored

Revelation 19:1-8

People want to have victory over the wicked people in their lives and in the world. How will they find victory over the wicked? God has the final judgment of the world, and God is worthy of all praise. Bradley, who had backslidden, desired to learn about the end of the world, and God led Brandy to have that conversation with her brother concerning the end times.

Bradley and his sister, Brandy, are identical twins. Since their parents' passing, they are the only ones left of their immediate family. While the twins are extremely close, the one thing they used to share is a love for Jesus; however, Bradley has since strayed away from God. Although Brandy has talked about his salvation and restoration on many occasions, Bradley has tuned her out.

After their families finished Thanksgiving dinner, Bradley braced himself for what he calls the "Conversation." However, this time was different; Bradley turned 60 this year and he had been thinking about finding his way back to God and wondering about how the world might end. When Brandy started to talk about heaven and hell (something she has never talked about), Bradley knew it was God!

Brandy talked about the joy that every believer will have when Jesus welcomes us to spend eternity in heaven. Brandy shared that she has suffered and has been ridiculed for believing in Jesus, but her thinking about Jesus' victory over the enemies of God at the end times is enough for her to persevere. Brandy shared that the family of God will be restored at a joyous heavenly wedding celebration! She says that she can imagine the praise, worship, and singing that will ensue when Jesus and the Church are spiritually united! Bradley found his way back to God that evening—and both he and Brandy rejoiced as their family was spiritually united and spiritually restored! PRAISE GOD!

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Discuss Brandy's persistence to restore her brother to God.
- 2. How might her persistence inspire you to never give up on reaching people with the Gospel?
- 3. Discuss Brandy's testimony that Jesus' victory at the end times is encouragement enough for her to persevere, even amid the suffering she encounters in this world.