

Saved by the God First Principle

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Edison, an Adventist pastor in Trujillo, Peru, was concerned about the time because they had woken up late, after packing the night before. The Choque Family was excited about traveling to Lima, the capital, for vacation.

"Quickly, quickly! We must leave immediately. The bus will depart at 7:00 AM and will not wait for us," said Edison.

Because the bus station was only 3 kilometers away, and the taxi was already waiting for them at the door, it seemed that they would make it.

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But just as they were walking out the door, Mercy, their 5-year-old child, asked: "What about family worship? Are we not supposed to have it today?" "Well," said Edison, looking at Ruth, his wife, "we will have worship inside the bus while we're traveling."

But Mercy was firm: "You've said many times that we should never leave this house without having family worship."

The parents looked at each other and decided that it was more important to keep the God First principle than their vacation plans. So, they quickly read the Sabbath School quarterly for Mercy and Kevin, their other child.

Then they hurried to the bus station, only to realize that the bus had already left! All eyes then turned to Mercy, because the tickets were not refundable, and the next bus wouldn't depart for four hours!

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Later that day, they were shocked to learn that the very bus they had missed had crashed with a truck, instantly killing 16 people! The Choque family wept for the lives lost in the crash and for their families, but at the same time, they were also relieved. The God First principle saved their lives!

(Edison and Ruth now work at the South America Division office in Brazil. Mercy is a pastor's wife, and Kevin is a pastor, both also in Brazil.)

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As you worship God with your tithes and Promise, renew now your decision to put Him first in all aspects of your life.

May we put our desires last and God first.

Text animation.