

## Roadside Mercy

Jim Williams of Butte, Montana, wrote in *Reader's Digest*:

I was driving too fast late one night when I saw the flashing lights of a police car in my rearview mirror. As I pulled over and rolled down the window of my station wagon, I tried to dream up an excuse for my haste. But when the patrolman reached the car, he said nothing. Instead, he merely shined his flashlight in my face, then on my seven-month pregnant wife, then on our snoozing 18-month-old in his car seat, then on our three other children, who were asleep, and lastly on the two dogs in the very back of the car.

Returning the beam of light to my face, he then uttered the only words of the encounter: "Son," he said, "you can't afford a ticket. Slow it down." And with that, he returned to the car and drove away.

Williams' story demonstrates an important principle -- one that Christians fully understand. Sometimes mercy triumphs over law. It is definitely true for sinners who call out to Jesus.

--Beecher Hunter