## **Less Than Five Yards: Five Deaths**

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During the last twenty-four hours, there have been FIVE violent deaths within 5 yards of a Brazilian Apostolic church (pictures included).

Within FIVE yards! That grieves me immensely!

The first picture arrived from our pastor in the city of Santa Maria, RS. He told me that sirens and flashing lights caused him extreme concern, especially because the police cars were all in front of the church! Approaching the front door, he saw the dead body of a young man killed by a rival gang apparently as he tried to reach the front door of the church for safety. He lived in the neighborhood and knew about a vibrant Apostolic church, but he never attended a service. He died within two yards of the door. He arrived too late, just a little too late (service had already ended).



The second picture is a screenshot of today's headline from a major newspaper. Three teenagers died in a wrecked car within five yards of the Apostolic church (behind the building shown in the picture). They were drunk. Maybe if they looked through the shattered windshield before dying, they would have seen the front door of an Apostolic church. Maybe they prayed a prayer, but it was a few minutes too late.



Closeness does not help when you are too late! (Read about the deaths of 5 virgins that were at the right place, just a few minutes too late - Mt. 25:11-13).

The death of the fifth young man is shocking! Yesterday he died INSIDE an Apostolic church (picture) within a couple of yards of the altar. It happened a few hours ago when his pastor noticed something wrong with his spiritual demeanor.

After his Man of God questioned him about what was wrong, the lay minister confessed moral sin against his wife, family, and church.

His pastor begged him to step forward to the altar and pray for forgiveness. Instead, he turned and walked out into the night, leaving behind a family and a merciful God. The church family was in a stupor. They had just witnessed a spiritual suicide in front of the holy altar! (Read about Judas who had a chance to change and CHOSE not to - John 13:26-30).



Never die lost within sight of an Apostolic church.

Don't die within sight of God's mercy!

Please reread this text again. Call your elder/pastor for help RIGHT now! PLEASE!

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