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**Disaster! - posted by hulsej (), on: 2007/8/20 19:46**

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**Re: Disaster! - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/8/20 19:48**

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Brother,

That is terrible! There could possibly be a way to recover the drive, there is some free or cheap software that does that.

**Re: - posted by hulsej (), on: 2007/8/20 20:37**

Quote:  
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Yeah, I just got off the phone with a friend who might be able to help me with that. I'm going to see if I can recover the information.

**Re:, on: 2007/8/21 8:53**

hulsej-

I had just about the same thing happen a few months back... I couldn't recover my drive though, it overheated and was fried. What's cool though is that I am building a new collection trying out new speakers so in a way it's been a blessing.

In Christ - Jim

**Re: - posted by cchhhrrriiiss (), on: 2007/8/21 10:19**

Hi hulsej...

This may sound somewhat clichéd, but "*I feel your pain!*"

My parents and several of my friends have experienced this, and it is never a good thing. While the sermons could always be downloaded again (a long and tedious process), there could be digital photos, important emails, papers, or other such things that are irreplaceable. My computer contains over 22 GB of digital photographs, and about 12 GB of audio sermons. It also contains most of my college papers. All of these things would be difficult to part with.

You may look into simply adding that hard drive to another computer and see if it recognizes any files (as a supplemental drive or mass storage device). If it does, you could retrieve the data as easily as information from a jump drive! If it doesn't work, there are other means to obtain such data. Last month, I assisted my brother-in-law in retrieving data from a laptop that literally caught on fire. The hard drive sustained smoke damage -- but EVERYTHING was retrieved! Needless to say, he was thrilled!

In the future, you may consider "backing up" the important information from your computer. You don't have to purchase

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a portable hard drive or space from an online hard drive organization. I know someone who had BOTH the computer AND portable, external hard drive stolen! If you have a CD burner (or preferably, a DVD burner), you can back up huge amounts of information onto blank CD or DVD media. Since a DVD can hold either 4.7 GB (or 9.4 with dual layer drives) worth of information, you can probably store all of your sermons onto one blank DVD. I perform this task ever-so-often, and it really doesn't take much time at all (about five minutes). I store these DVDs in a shoe box at home, with additional copies at my parents' home. While I have never lost a computer to hard drive failure, it is a great lifesaver in times of technological crisis!

You are in my thoughts and prayers! I pray that this works out for you!

:-)

\*EDIT:

-I just checked and discovered that I now actually have over 22 GB of photos and 12 GB of sermons! While I have no idea how many photos that this includes (my wife had a HUGE family), there are well over 500 audio sermons. I would hate to lose them!

**Re:, on: 2007/8/21 10:49**

Uhg... awful.

Always have 2 external hard drives. The one you use all the time, and the other a back up. Now you can get a 500 gig external hard drive for \$100. Relatively cheap.

Krispy

**Re: Disaster! - posted by rookie (), on: 2007/8/21 18:54**

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You still have the Holy Spirit and the word of God to comfort you.

In Christ  
Jeff