

# MADE ALIVE ON THE INSIDE

John 3.1-15 // June 28, 2020

## THE SECOND BIRTH

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, but also a member of the council of the Sanhedrin, who were like senators, the overseeing rulers of Israel. There were only 70 at a time, and he may have even have been one of the top teachers! He comes to Jesus with respect, even acknowledging that Jesus is from God, but Jesus blows right past his introduction and lays goes straight to the heart.

### Seven Ironclad Words:

- **Truly, Truly:** "Listen closely." The double use of the word emphasizes the strength of the word. Truth squared!
- **I say to you:** It doesn't matter what you think, what you feel, or what you were taught by anyone else. Jesus says, "I say to you."
- **Unless:** There is *no other way* except for what I am about to say.

James 2.19 // Ezekiel 36.25-27 // Jeremiah 4.14  
James 4.8 // Hebrews 10.21, 22

## THE SICKNESS AND THE CURE

Numbers 21.4-9 // 2 Corinthians 5.21

**Just as everyone who had been bitten by a serpent  
was facing death with no hope,  
so also everyone who has been bitten by sin  
also faces death with no hope.**

## WINDS OF CHANGE

Jesus said we don't know where the wind comes from, but we see the effect. When someone is born again, you can see the effects of that new heart.

### Three Questions to Ask Yourself:

- **Are your convictions changing?:** Are there things that used to consume you, or things that you are now seeing as sinful and aren't enjoying it as you did? Or things you never used to desire, like reading the Word and talking about faith, that you have a growing desire for?
- **Is your heart growing towards Jesus?:** It is one thing to believe in God, but say, "I love Jesus so much," is harder to say. Do you desire to actively put sin to death, not because it's wrong but because you love Jesus?
- **Are you changing?:** Are your actions following this change? Are you becoming more like Christ?

James 2.18-20 // 2 Corinthians 13.5

## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**Galatians 5:1**

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 3.1-15**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

John Chapter 3 is an overflowing declaration of the Gospel. How does the description of the new birth being as "of water and spirit" give you particular excitement, hope, and gratitude when you consider what the phrase may have meant in the ears of Nicodemus? Read **Ezekiel 36.25-27** for more detail.

### Repent and Ask for Provision

As we think of the ways that Jesus has demonstrated the changed life in the past few weeks, we now see that He says that we ought to see the effects of the wind in our lives. What areas of your life are in need of the winds of change to blow through? Bitterness, anger, a desire for control? Gentleness or kindness? What might you ask of the Holy Spirit so that you might see some of that change begin?

### Your Life Mission

You have born again for good works. God has made you alive by His power and through the second birth of the cleansing and regenerating work of the Spirit so that you can not only be saved, but also sent into the world that you live in. He has prepared many good works for you!

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for??

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,  
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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