



Heart Set Free April 2021

Most people, at one time or another, wish they could start life over again. But second thoughts usually bring us to the conclusion that another trip through life would involve just as many opportunities for mistakes as the first time. Nicodemus saw only complications and impossibilities in Jesus' challenge. But Jesus later made the point in discussing the possibility of salvation with His disciples. The disciples asked, "Who can be saved?" Jesus responded by saying, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:27) The only way a person can really start over in life is by being born from above - "born again" - by receiving God's eternal life and the regenerating of the Holy Spirit. Starting over may be naturally impossible, but Jesus makes it a supernatural possibility.

Read John 3:1-20

What comes to mind when you hear the term "Born Again"?

How do you believe our society defines someone who describes themselves as "Born Again"?

Does Jesus say being Born Again is an option?

How might what Jesus says about being "Born Again" differ from the world's understanding of this phrase?

Jesus was asking Nicodemus to start over, to give up everything to follow him. Are you prepared to do the same? Why or why not?

Pastor Riddle mentioned that when sharing your faith with others, "We must Honor the Pace of God in People's Lives." What do you think that means? Are there friends/family that you long to see come to faith? Are they at a place in their lives to hear it?

Pastor Riddle described Jesus as a King of Beauty. Do you see Jesus as being beautiful? Why?

