THE POWER STUDIES



The Importance Of The Power Life

Whether it is a relationship struggle, an emotional difficulty, a financial crisis, a physical malady, or a spiritual issue, Jesus gives you the power to win.

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The Power Studies Introduction

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Welcome To "The Power Studies" Introduction

There are two parts to this "Power Studies" series. This part has three studies that *introduce* you into the way of getting the power you need to win over life issues. Even if these subjects don't seem to be addressing what you thought you needed, it is *very* important that you give them a chance to prove themselves. Millions of people have already found these principles to give them the power they needed to deal with life.

The first study is **"The Importance Of The Power-Life."** The second one is **"The Importance Of Eternal Life."** The third one is **"From Power-Life To Eternal Life."** This is a very important group of studies where Jesus deals with why you should allow the power-life to empower you. Jesus also uses them to deal with who qualifies for the power-life with God. He shows you when a person is able to have the power-life. And He shows you where this power-life can be obtained. Take a quick look at the purpose for all three of them.

"The Importance Of The Power-Life"

It is amazing how much we can learn about life and what it takes to succeed and still not live like we should. We are all aware of a lot of things we *should* be doing; but, there seems to be something blocking us off. Power to do what you know you should be doing is the answer to much of success in life. Jesus takes this study and shows you what the power-relationship with God can do for you.

A lot of people, who have already accepted Jesus' help and are convinced they know a lot concerning what the power-life is all about, are in reality living a very powerless life. If you find yourself struggling with living those things you know you should be living, if you find yourself failing at things you feel you should be succeeding at, if you find yourself being defeated by things you should be able to defeat, then you should spend time with Jesus in this study.

"The Importance Of Eternal Life"

The life you are living here on earth is just the beginning of your existence. The life you are currently living is to get you ready for a life that never ends. If you were going to die and cease to exist, then you should try to have as much fun and experience as much pleasure as you can. But, if there is eternal life after death, then you should get ready for it and do what it take to get there.

The life you lived in school wasn't the kind of life you lived all the days of your life. School-life is just a life that got you ready for real-life. The life you are living now is like school-life; it is just a training life that is to get you ready for eternal life. "The Importance Of Eternal Life" explains why we all need to live our current life as a training life.

Once Jesus helps you understand eternal life, it will encourage you to have a lot of faith and hope for your eternal future. Jesus will use this study to help you apply yourself now because of how great your eternal future is going to be. Life will take on a whole new meaning, as you learn how much this life influences your eternal future.

“From Power-Life To Eternal Life”

What Are You Training For?

It is great to find out how wonderful your eternal future is going to be. However, it is very important to understand what you need to be doing to get ready for it. This study spends additional time laying out all the benefits you can look forward to after you leave this life. And, it helps you see why you need to apply yourself to getting ready for your eternal future.

What Are You Hunting For?

God isn’t just offering you a way to get rid of bad addictions, habits, and life problems, He is offering you a way of life that makes sense. We have all obtained things and relationships that we thought would make us happy. And, we have all been made happy for a short period of time from those experiences. But, we have also found that the happiness that many of those achievements and successes produced, either wore off or became painful, disappointing experiences.

What Are You Living For?

After you have lived long enough to have tried many different things to help yourself be happy, you start to look back at all your efforts and wonder what life is all about. Is it just about momentary successes, experiences of pleasure, feelings of happiness and then disappointment and emptiness? Is there a goal, a dream, a plan and purpose for all this? The “From The Power-Life To Eternal Life” study answers these and many more questions.

What Are You Reaching For?

Through these studies, Jesus will help you keep moving into the levels of life success and keep finding out how to deal with life issues. You will be able to win over them, learn how to use these principles for handling other issues in your life, and learn how to share these principles with those around you.

Learning And Getting Jesus’ Truths

This book starts with Truth Pages and then provides you with Prayer Pages for each day. Just read both sets of pages for that day. This is a five-day system which skips the weekend. The prayers on the Prayer Pages are in boxes. The Truth Pages are to help you *know* Jesus’ truths. The Prayer Pages help you *get* Jesus’ truths into your life.

“The Importance Of The Power Life”

The Importance Of The Power Life Truth Pages

Week One Day One

Tell Me About This New Life

Which Way Should I Go?

Like the rest of us, you have probably tried all kinds of ways to make your life better. The big question for all of us is, which way should you go to make your life better? When you are dealing with struggles in life, you can try everything you can think of and everything your friends suggest.

It is a lot like choosing products; everyone is saying that their brand of product is the best. When you first start using certain products, you make your decisions based on the best advertisements and a few recommendations from your friends. That is what most of us do in trying to head our lives in the right direction. At the end of the day, however, it always comes down to what works. Did it really improve our life, or, did it fail us? Was it a permanent improvement or was it just temporary?

It’s Not Some New Method

Billions of people, all around the world, have tried this method and found the help they were looking for. Some have been helped more than others; but, all have experienced major changes that improved their lives. That is what you can expect to happen in your life.

We not only know how to help you get your difficulty with life solved through Jesus, we know how to help you have a life that is awesome. How do we know? We have tried this new life ourselves and have helped multitudes of others get the same powerful life that we are living.

Salvation

The way to this new life is through an experience called salvation. Let’s say you want to buy a new coat; there are some steps you are going to have to go through in order to accomplish that. You will have to find stores that sell coats, pick the store you want to shop in first, travel where it is, go through the door into the store, and then find the kind of coats you are interested in.

You don’t want to buy a store; but you still have to go to one in order to buy a coat. Just like there were some steps you had to take in order to buy a coat, there are some steps you will have to take to get your problems solved. Just like you had to go to a store to buy a coat, you will need to expose yourself to salvation to get your problems solved and to succeed at life. You may not think you want salvation or see the need for it; but, you need to get it in order to get the answers to your issues with life.

From Salvation To Healing
You may be going through things you don't understand. There are things people are doing to you that are hurtful and there are things you are doing to them that are hurting them. Why do people do these things to each other? Some of the reasons are, we misunderstand one another; we think they mean things they never meant for us to think. They misunderstand us and react to things we never wanted them to misunderstand.

We face financial, relational, emotional, physical, and spiritual problems that we don't know how to get solved. Salvation is an experience that has the POWER to help you get all these issues solved. It is the door you can walk through that opens up the power, the provisions, and the successes that Jesus has to offer you.

The Importance Of The Power Life Prayer Pages

Week One Day One

You have just read the material in your Truth Pages for day one. Now you are ready to start reading and fulfilling some assignments in your Prayer Pages. Each day there will be Truth Pages and then Prayer Pages for that day. So, go ahead and get started examining the purpose and system for working in your Prayer Pages.

Honoring Your Wishes
Rather than just reading a bunch of material, we will be spending some time helping you *get* those things you will be reading and studying. But, working with Jesus is different from the procedures you are used to. Have you ever had anyone try to force you to do something you didn't want to do? That was someone who did not honor your God-given free will. Have you ever had someone tell you they were going to do one thing for you and they ended up deceiving you and giving you something else? That was someone who wasn't involved in the truth.

What Is Prayer?
If you are going to receive Jesus' power, provisions, and principles, you will need to ask for them. The reason for this is because, unlike anyone else, Jesus honors your God-given free will. If you don't want something Jesus has to offer, you won't ask for it. If you don't ask for it, you don't end up having Jesus do something or give you something you didn't want. The procedure for asking Jesus for things is called prayer. It is a time where you go somewhere private and ask Him to give you something you need.

How Do I Pray?
Since prayer may be a new thing for you, you won't just be thrown into the deep end of the pool and demanding that you swim. Jesus will be providing you with prayers that *could* represent things you would like Him to do for you. After you have read that day's Truth Pages, you will be directed to the next pages. They will be Prayer Pages for you to spend some time asking Jesus to do some things for you.

What Do I Pray?
Jesus will take the material from that day's Truth Pages and help you read some prayers He has provided for you. If you agree with the provided prayer, then pray it. If you want to change it in some way, then customize it to fit your desires and life situation. If you disagree with the provided prayer, then skip it. But, you might want to write down a note directing you back to the study name, the page, and the paragraph title where the prayer was. As you keep moving forward, you may change your mind and want to come back and pray that prayer.

Let's Get Started!
All paragraphs that contain prayers in them will be inside boxes. You will start off with additional explanations in the beginning. Statements, sentences, or even paragraphs may be repeated before providing a prayer. There may be some new comments or additional instructions provided with the prayer. But, the important thing is for you to realize that you are actually talking to Jesus. He is listening to everything you pray. And, He will respond to each prayer you pray. As you finish each day's Truth Pages and Prayer Pages, be looking for Jesus to give you those things you asked for.

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Like the rest of us, you have probably tried all kinds of ways to make your life better. The big question for all of us is, which way should we go to make our life better? Here is your first prayer; but, before you pray it, first, read it and see if you agree with it. If you agree with this prayer, then say: Jesus, help me be willing to give You a chance to show me that You love me more than I love myself. Help me see that You always have my best interest in mind. Show me that You will never give me anything that isn't good for me.

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SUGGESTED PRAYER: Jesus, this is new for me; I am trying to learn how to talk to You and know You are listening to me. Help me give You the cooperation I have given new products. Help me allow You to show me that You have the answers to my problems, needs, and goals.

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Jesus, billions of people, all around the world, have tried Your methods and found the help they were looking for. Some of them have been helped more than others because they gave You more cooperation. Let me be like them and experience major changes that improve my life. Help me start looking for and expecting special things to happen in my life.

Jesus, You not only know how to help me get my difficulties with life solved, You can help me have an awesome life. Others already know, and, have tried this new life for themselves. And, they have helped multitudes of others get the same powerful life that You are giving me.

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Congratulations!

You have just completed your first day of moving into the power-life. You have prayed some prayers that Jesus will respond to and empower you to live differently than before. Jesus will be doing these things gradually so you will be able to experience them, evaluate them, and decide whether or not you want to keep them. He will be very careful to not damage, hurt, hinder, or change your God-given free will. Be patient with Him as He works carefully, slowly, gently, and patiently with you. You must decide what you want from Him and what you don't.

The Importance Of The Power Life Truth Pages

Week One Day Two

Looking For Help

You Have Given It Your Best Efforts

Yesterday you finished your first day of studying your Truth Pages and praying the prayers in the Prayer Pages. Today Jesus will be taking the information and prayers from yesterday and building on them. Today He will need to give you an example of a person like you; he too was trying to get his life heading in the best direction. So, take a look at this man who was suffering with a lot of problems just like you do. He decided to go to Jesus!

The Best Decision You Can Ever Make

Like you, a man named Nicodemus, decided to give Jesus a chance to work on his life. He went to see if he could get some answers that would head him in a better direction. This man had been studying all kinds of books and had been following all kinds of people's advice and was still feeling an emptiness down inside him. So, he decided to let Jesus explain what kind of help He was offering. And, like you, deciding to go to Jesus was the best decision this man ever made.

Are You Willing To Unlearn Some Things?

Since everything Nicodemus had tried hadn't helped him get a handle on the meaning, purpose, and rules to life, he could have given up. Since nothing had helped him find principles that he could use to start living a successful life, he could have decided that there weren't any. Since he had tried very hard to find the answers and had lived a long time, he could have decided that Jesus probably couldn't help him either. But, he didn't! He went to Jesus and found out that the problem was because he was looking in the wrong direction.

Meet Nicodemus

The record of this event is found in the New Testament (the second part of the Bible) in John (the fourth book of the New Testament). We would like for you to meet Nicodemus, a person who was hurting and confused about life just like you are. He was able to find the answers to his problems.

Human Principles VS. Jesus' Principles

John chapter 3 verse 1 (John 3:1) Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. This was a man who had joined the top religious group available. And, he had made his way to the very top of the organization. If anyone was going to be able to get his needs met, win over life's problems, and succeed, it was Nicodemus. But, in spite of all his accomplishments, in spite of all his seeking God, he didn't get the help he needed until he went to Jesus.

Human Training VS. Jesus' Training

In many ways, he was looking in the right direction. He was trying to live a successful life by looking to God for help. A lot of people aren't doing this; they approach life as if there is no God. They aren't atheists; they just don't think much about spiritual things. Many of the people we have been associating with are taking that approach. They don't know that Jesus has caused a Book to be written that explains how to win at life.

Could Someone Tell Me What Life's Rules Are?

Suppose you are playing a game with some people; they know the rules to the game and are having a great time playing; but, they won't tell you what the rules are. You try watching how they play the game and try picking up the rules from them; but, it seems like they are always changing the rules and telling you that you are doing the wrong thing.

This is the way a lot of people are living life. They are watching a whole lot of other people and are trying to find out from them what the rules are to life. The problem is, many people are playing the game of life with their own rules. They have different rules; and we don't know what those rules are. This makes life very frustrating and causes us to keep breaking people's rules. We are all approaching life from a different perspective and are assuming that everyone is on the same page. But, we aren't!

Jesus is trying to get all of us to live by the same set of rules. They are the rules that win in life; and, if we all join Him, we will all be on the same page.

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The Best Decision You Can Ever Make

Jesus, help me be like the man named Nicodemus, who decided to give You a chance to work on his life. Help me do like this man and check to see if I can get some answers that would head me in a better direction. Like him, I too have been studying all kinds of books and have been following all kinds of people's advice; but, I am still feeling an emptiness down inside. Help me follow his example and let You explain what kind of help You are offering. Show me that deciding to come to You is the best decision I have ever made.

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Jesus, like Nicodemus, those things I have tried haven't helped me get a handle on the meaning, purpose, and rules to life; but, help me not give up. Since nothing has helped me find principles that I can use to start living a successful life, help me not decide that there isn't a way. Since I have tried very hard to find the answers and have lived a long time, I could have decided that You probably couldn't help me either. But, I thank You for helping me not make that decision! Jesus, I come to You to find out that the problem is because I have been looking in the wrong direction.

Meet Nicodemus

Jesus, as I read this record of this event found in the New Testament, help me get the information and meaning that I need for my life. Help me meet Nicodemus and identify with him. Help me see him as a person who was hurting and confused about life just like I am. Help me be able to find the answers to my problems too.

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Jesus, if Nicodemus did all he did to win at life and it didn't work for him, help me understand that it is even more likely that I wouldn't typically head in the right direction. Help me not feel bad about the fact that I made a lot of mistakes in my decisions. Show me that what happened to me is typical of everyone else. Show me that we all need to come to Jesus for His power and training. We all make the same kind of mistakes and end up with typical results. Show me that my situation is like everyone else's situations.

Human Training VS. Jesus' Training

Jesus, in many ways, Nicodemus was looking in the right direction. He was trying to live a successful life by looking to God for help. I must admit that I haven't been doing much of that; there were parts of my approach to life that was as if there is no God. I am not an atheist; I just haven't been thinking much about spiritual things. Many of the people I have been associating with are taking that same approach. They don't know or they don't care that You have caused a Book to be written that explains how to win at life.

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Suppose you are playing a game with some people; they know the rules to the game and are having a great time playing; but, they won't tell you what the rules are. You try watching how they play the game and try picking up the rules from them; but, it seems like they are always changing the rules and telling you that you are doing the wrong thing.

Jesus, this is the way a lot of my life has been. I have been watching a whole lot of other people and have been trying to find out from them what the rules are to life. The problem is, many of these people are playing the game of life with their own rules. They have different rules because they are making them up; and I don't know what those rules are. This makes life very frustrating for me and has caused me to keep breaking people's rules. Since we are all approaching life from a different perspective and are assuming that everyone is on the same page, help me see why we all need to accept Your rules for life.

Jesus, since You are trying to get all of us to live by the same set of rules, help me be one of those who will join You. They are the rules that win in life; and, if we all join You, we will all be on the same page for the first time

This concludes your Truth Page studies and Prayer Page prayers for today.
Just spend some time reviewing and believing you received
what you have read and asked for so far.
Let Jesus use these ideas and principles to change your life.

The Importance Of The Power Life Truth Pages

Week One Day Three

Getting To Know Jesus

The Creator Of The Universe

John 3:2 He [Nicodemus] came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi [teacher], we know You are a teacher Who has come from God. <u>For no one could perform the miraculous signs You are doing if God were not with him</u>." Nicodemus knew something that a lot of people we associate with don't know. He knew God had created the universe and the world that we live on. He knew that it was God Who had set the rules for life; and, he was trying to live by those rules.

How To Find Out What The Rules Are

The nation or kingdom you live in has laws and rules; they have been set by those who are governing or ruling over you. If you want to know what those rules are, you will have to talk to them or read the laws they have published. Jesus is the Creator of the universe and He is the One Who made the rules for life; He made the rules for relationships; He made the rules for finances; He made the rules governing emotions; and He made the rules for our physical bodies. If you want to know what THOSE rules are, you must talk to Him or read the Bible He caused to be written.

Who Do You Want Setting The Rules For Your Life?

Nicodemus was smart; he was looking for someone who knew what they were talking about; we frequently don't do that. He could see that JESUS knew what He was talking about; he could see that Jesus was different. He understood that **no one could perform the miraculous signs You are doing if God were not with him.** We will get advice from people who are having all the same problems we are; we listen to people who don't know any more than we do about solving them.

Credibility

Two Sets Of Choices

Nicodemus had seen Jesus help all kinds of people with some of the worst problems he had ever seen. He realized that Jesus had to be sent by God or He wouldn't be able to do these kinds of things. In other words, he realized that Jesus was Someone Who knew what He was talking about. Jesus made this universe; and He made you. Jesus made the rules for life; and He has the power to help solve those things that aren't working for you. You can stay under the rules you are currently under, or, you can let Jesus move you into His rules.

Trusting Jesus

Let's say you have a lot of money and are looking for a bank to put it in. What is the number one thing you want to know about them? Can you trust them? That is the same issue you are dealing with concerning your life. This is the only life you have. Who can you trust to help you make the best of it? Nicodemus was trying to see if Jesus was someone he could trust; that is what you are doing. And, that is good; because, Jesus will be able to work miracles in your life.

Governing Laws

Laws Control You

Before Nicodemus could ask Jesus his first question, Jesus answered the most important one. Jesus knew the question Nicodemus needed to ask but didn't know how; he needed to ask, how does someone become a part of God's Kingdom? That was a question that Nicodemus wasn't smart enough to ask. Let's see what God's Kingdom has to do with the issues you are facing.

Changing Laws And Rules

Remember the store example? In order to buy the coat you want, you will have to find the store or internet site that sells them. The same thing applies here; you may not be interested in God's Kingdom but it offers better laws and rules for you to live under. The natural laws of this world, that you are living under now, are *controlling* what kind of life you are going to be *allowed* to live. Nicodemus knew that; he could see that Jesus was living under totally different laws and rules. But, he didn't realize that he could change kingdoms and be brought under a whole new governmental system.

Changing Kingdoms

There are people whose lives are miserable because of the rules of the company they are working for. They need to move to a company that has better rules and policies. God's Kingdom has laws, rules, and policies that make it possible for you to be free from such issues as are being caused by life. For you to be convinced that His Kingdom is real and a better place for you to live, He is going to show you how to be healed and helped through new laws, rules, and principles governing your life. If you allow Him to bring you under His Kingdom laws you can be helped with the difficulties you are having with life. You just need to let Him show you how to change kingdoms.

How's This Going To Work?

You Got Here Through Birth

John 3:3 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again." We all take it for granted that we got here by a birth that is incredible. Where were you before you were born? You don't know! Why did it take being born to get here? We don't know! But, we all know that we wouldn't be here if we hadn't been born. Our birth made us a citizen of a country and a member of a family. The same thing applies to God's Kingdom and God's family. Now, let's see how citizenship and family membership gives us rights, privileges, rules, and laws we are born under.

Your Birth Put You Under Laws And Rules

The natural rules and laws you were born under make your body limited in abilities, talents, skills, and opportunities. The laws of the family you were born in control what you will be allowed to do with your body. The laws of the country you were born in also control what you will be allowed to do with your body. The laws of the world you were born in additionally control what you will be allowed to do with your body. Most people think that the laws and rules they are currently under will be the ones they will be under for the rest of their lives. But, Jesus went about proving that there are Kingdom laws and rules He offers as an alternative.

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Jesus, I have seen people whose lives were miserable because of the rules of the company they were working for. They needed to move to a company that had better rules and policies. Show me that God's Kingdom has laws, rules, and policies that make it possible for me to be free from such issues as are being caused by life. Help me be convinced that Your Kingdom is real and a better place for me to live. Show me how to be healed and helped through new laws, rules, and principles governing my life. Empower me to allow You to bring me under Your Kingdom laws. Do this so I can be helped with the difficulties I am having with life. Teach me that I just need to let You show me how to change kingdoms.

How's This Going To Work?

You Got Here Through Birth

Jesus, **in reply** to Nicodemus' question, You **declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again (John 3:3)."** Show me that being **born again** is a lot like this human birth that I take I for granted. The fact that I exist through birth is incredible. I don't know where I was before I was born! I don't know why it took being born to get here! But, I know I wouldn't be here if I hadn't been born. My birth made me a citizen of a country and a member of a family. Teach me that the same thing applies to God's Kingdom and God's family. Let me see how citizenship and family membership give me rights, privileges, rules, and laws I am born under.

Your Birth Put You Under Laws And Rules

Jesus, the natural rules and laws I was born under made my body limited in abilities, talents, skills, and opportunities. The laws of the family I was born in controlled what I was allowed to do with my body. The laws of the country I was born in also controls what I am allowed to do with my body. The laws of the world I was born in additionally controls what I am allowed to do with my body. Help me see that the laws and rules I am currently under won't be the ones I will be under for the rest of my life. Do what it takes to prove to me that there are Kingdom laws and rules You offer as an alternative.

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Week One Day Four

You Have To Be A Citizen Of God's Kingdom

Becoming A Kingdom Citizen

As you know, we call most kingdoms around the world, nations. Few nations have kings or queens. So, we don't call them *King*doms. However, Jesus is the King of God's Kingdom. Meeting Him and getting acquainted with His attitudes and character will help you. It will help you be glad He will be in charge of your rights, privileges, and laws.

We have all been born in a nation or kingdom and are citizens of that land by birth. That is what Jesus was saying about the Kingdom of God. The only way a person can become a citizen of God's Kingdom is by birth. That probably wasn't something Nicodemus had a question on.

Being Born Again Is Important

Like us, Nicodemus had problems that were challenging his life. He was hoping Jesus would help him get them solved. And, believe it or not, that *was* what Jesus was doing. Nicodemus wasn't going to be healed and helped with his problems *until* he got born into God's Kingdom. The moment he heard the words "born again" that created a whole new question in his mind. Like Nicodemus, you probably didn't see any need for being **born again.** Nicodemus didn't even know there was such a thing as being **born again.**

You Have To Be Born Into God's Family To Be A Citizen Of His Kingdom

Being Born Again Is A Personal Decision

Nicodemus was a Jew and they were considered to be God's chosen people. God had made a whole lot of promises to those who belonged to that nation. Nicodemus probably assumed he was automatically a citizen of the Kingdom of God. Jesus was telling him that wasn't true. The same is true of us; it's not a national, family, or group decision. We can be born in a Christian family, go to church, be baptized as an infant or young child, study all kinds of Bible lessons and even memorize Scripture verses, and still not be **born again.**

Being Born Again Makes You Legal

If you were born in a certain nation or kingdom and you illegally entered another nation or kingdom, you wouldn't have citizen rights and privileges. If you were born to one set of parents and you tried to sneak into another family, you wouldn't be given family rights and privileges. That only comes through being born in that family or by being adopted into that family by those parents.

Being Born Again Brings M*any* Of The Benefits
As long as you haven't been **born again** into God's family and Kingdom, you don't get *many* of the benefits that come from that relationship. In other words, that is the reason why *many* of our prayers don't get answered by God prior to salvation. He requires that we join His family and Kingdom *before* we start getting *many* of the benefits that come from Him. This may not make any sense to you right now; but it will soon.

Citizens Of God's Family And Kingdom Get Helped

Being Born Again Brings M*any* Answers To Our Prayers
Why do some people ask God for things and not get them? Why can we pray about such issues as life and not seem to get helped? Many of these people lack family and citizen rights of healing and help with their finances, relationships, emotions, physical problems, and spiritual needs. You have been praying the only kind of prayers God is willing to listen to prior to you being **born again.**

Prayers Prior To Being Born Again
If God wouldn't listen to *any* prayers we pray prior to salvation, then us praying for salvation wouldn't be heard. You have been praying prayers that are asking Jesus to help you understand these things about being **born again** and receiving salvation. These are prayers that are vital for empowering you to be **born again.**

Jesus doesn't want to trick you into salvation. He doesn't want you to have any misunderstanding about what you are trying to get. Jesus only deals in the realm of the truth. He is answering all these prayers you are praying so you can be **born again** with a full understanding of what that means. Then after this new birth, all kinds of your prayers will get answered.

Understanding Being Born Again
We all have a pretty good idea how human birth takes place. The big question is, how is it possible to be born *again*? Nicodemus could see some real problems with a grown man being "born again." So he did what you need to learn to start doing; he asked Jesus a question. If you don't understand or agree with something you hear about the Bible or read in the Bible, don't get upset. Present the question to Jesus, to us, and to your Christian friends. He will see to it you get the answer at the right time.

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Week One Day Four

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I have all been born in a nation or kingdom and am a citizen of that land by birth. That is what You were saying to Nicodemus about birth into the Kingdom of God. You were saying that the only way I can become a citizen of God's Kingdom is by birth. That isn't something I thought would be the answer to the issues of my life. Help me see how this works.

Being Born Again Is Important

Jesus, like Nicodemus, I have problems that are challenging my life. I am hoping that You will help me get them solved. Help me believe that, that IS exactly what You are doing. Show me that I am not going to be healed and helped with my problems *until* I get born into God's Kingdom. But, the moment I was exposed to the words "born again" that has created a whole new question in my mind. Like Nicodemus, I didn't see any need for being **born again.** I didn't even know there was such a thing as being **born again.**

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Jesus, help me understand that if God wouldn't listen to *any* prayers I pray prior to salvation, then me praying for salvation wouldn't be heard. I have been praying prayers that are asking You to help me understand these things about being **born again** and receiving salvation. These are prayers that are vital for empowering me to be **born again.**

Jesus, I know You don't want to trick me into salvation. I know You don't want me to have any misunderstanding about what I am trying to get. I know You only deal in the realm of the truth. The reason You are answering all these prayers I am praying is, so I can be **born again.** But, You want me to be **born again** with a full understanding of what that means. Help me understand that after this new birth, all kinds of my prayers will get answered.

Jesus, I have a pretty good idea how human birth takes place. My big question is, how is it possible to be born *again*? Like Nicodemus, I can see some real problems with a grown person being "born again." Help me do what he did when he needed to learn these things; he asked You a question. If I don't understand or agree with something I hear about the Bible or read in the Bible, keep me from getting upset. Help me present the question to You, to my Christian leaders, and to my Christian friends. I believe that You will see to it that I get the right answer at the right time.

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Week One Day Five

Not That Again

Just Keep Asking Questions

John 3:4 (NIV) "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Just as Nicodemus suspected, going in for a second term in our mother's womb wasn't the answer.

Don't Close Your Mind

Just for the sake of argument, let's say we could go back and get born again as a human baby. All we would end up with was us still being a citizen of the nation or kingdom where we were born and a member of the same human family. It wouldn't change our citizenship, our humanity, or family ties. Obviously, therefore, this is going to be something different than a natural birth.

Here's How It Works

You Qualify For Being Born Again

John 3:5 Jesus answered, I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. God is a Spirit. Because we only understand human bodies, it is difficult for us to realize that we are eternal beings ourselves. We live in a body; but, when that body dies and decays, that doesn't have any effect on us being able to continue to exist.

You Are An Eternal Being

When Jesus talked about people dying, He frequently said they were sleeping. Dying isn't ceasing to exist; dying only means separation. When we die, we are just being separated from our body. We, as eternal beings, continue to live on somewhere else. That continuing to live somewhere else is the thing that needs to concern you.

There Is Life After Death
Just because bodies only last for a short period of time doesn't mean that people do. You may have thought there wasn't any life after death; or, it may have been something you haven't spent much time thinking about. God is using your struggles with a life-problem to help you start considering an eternally important issue. If you are going to spend eternity with God, you will have to join His family and Kingdom now; you will *not* be able to make that decision after you die.

There Is A Wonderful Life For You Now
Plus, a lot of tremendous benefits come from making that decision now. Your life brings you a lot of suffering that Jesus can and will help you with just as soon as you are born into His family and thereby made a citizen of His Kingdom. He is currently trying to do some special things for you now so you will want to spend eternity with Him later.

Where's The Power To Live This Life?

You Must Be Connected To God
The question is, what does all this discussion about new birth and Kingdom citizens have to do with your issue with life? And the answer is, we aren't able to get help with our problems until our relationship with our heavenly Father has been *established*; and, Jesus is trying to explain this to Nicodemus and to you.

You Must Make The Connection
Let's say you move into a new house and forget to call the electric company and *establish* an account with them. Electricity would be available out at the street where you live. But, your house wouldn't be connected to the electric service so you would be able to have electricity.

That is what we are talking about here. You *must* be born again in order to *establish* a relationship with God and Him become *your* heavenly Father. The great provisions of God are available; but, a lot of people aren't connected to them *through* being born again.

Who Are You And What Are You Doing In My House?

If you had a son, you would allow him to come into your house and eat your food, use one of your bedrooms, and move freely through your house. But, if some strange boy came in and tried to take advantage of these privileges, you would be upset. There would be no relationship *established* and he would be a stranger to you; he would be trespassing. But, if that strange boy did what it took to build a relationship with you and you finally adopted him into your family, he would gain all the rights and privileges of a son.

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Week One Day Five

Not That Again

Just Keep Asking Questions

Jesus, **how can a** person **be born when he is old? Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born (John 3:4)!** Help me do what Nicodemus did: **"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born (John 3:4)!"** When I don't understand something or it doesn't seem right to me, help me ask You questions. Help me be willing to move on with my studies on those things I do understand. Then when You feel I am ready for the answer, explain it through these studies, the Bible, or directly from You.

Don't Close Your Mind

Jesus, sometimes I run into spiritual, Biblical concepts that I totally don't understand. When I get exposed to thing like being born again, the impossibility of the situation scares me and confuses me. As with Nicodemus, he suspected that going in for a second term in his mother's womb wasn't the answer. Help me know that You will show me another way of accomplishing this. Help me trust You with these difficult concepts.

It Isn't What You Think

Teach me that even if I could go back and get born again as a human baby. All I would end up with was me still being a citizen of the nation or kingdom where I was born and a member of the same human family. It wouldn't change my citizenship, my humanity, or family ties. Let it be obvious to me that what You are talking about is going to be something different than a natural birth.

Here's How It Works

You Qualify For Being Born Again

Jesus, Your answer to Nicodemus was: **I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit (John 3:5).** Help me see that, that means I have to be born in the water of my mother's womb as a human before I can qualify to be born again. Then show me that this next birth is going to be a spiritual birth. Teach me what that means so I can experience being born again.

You Are An Eternal Being

Jesus, if God is going to be my Father, then I am going to have to be born in the spirit realm; because, God is a Spirit. Since I only understand human bodies, it is difficult for me to realize that I am an eternal being myself. I, as an eternal being, live in a body; but, when that body dies and decays, that doesn't have any effect on me being able to continue to exist. When You talked about people dying, You frequently said they were sleeping. Help me understand that dying isn't ceasing to exist, it is being separated from my body. I, as an eternal being, will continue to live on somewhere else. That continuing to live somewhere else is the thing that needs to concern me.

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Jesus, teach me that just because bodies only last for a short period of time doesn't mean that people do. There have been times when I doubted that there was life after death; there were other times when it was something I didn't spent much time thinking about. Help me allow God to use my struggles with a life-problem to help me start considering an eternally important issue. Teach me that if I am going to spend eternity with God, I will have to join His family and Kingdom now; I will *not* be able to make that decision after I die.

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Jesus, help me understand that being born again isn't just an after-life issue. Show me that a lot of tremendous benefits come from me making that decision now. My life is bringing me a lot of suffering that You can and will help me with just as soon as I am born into Your family. And the reason for that is because, that will make me a citizen of God's Kingdom. Show me that You are currently trying to do some special things for me now so I will want to spend eternity with You later.

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Week Two Day One

Father!

Being Born Again Gives You An Inheritance

Being born again makes God your heavenly Father; and, you become His child. That gives you all the rights and privileges of one of His children. As a child of God, you inherit His spiritual DNA, His love, His provisions, His relationship, and His eternal way of life. That is why you need to be convinced that being born again is something you need. So, let's keep looking at what the benefits are and what it is all about.

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Jesus explains this new birth this way: **John 3:6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** When your mother gave birth to you, you were born a human. Your mother and father were flesh and blood humans so they gave birth to a flesh and blood human. When you get born in God's family, that is Spirit giving birth to spirit. You become a spirit being that has a lot of potential that far exceeds your human potential.

A New Life

Looking At WHY Rather Than HOW

For now, you don't need to be concerned about *how* all this happens. Later, we will go into the Bible and look at the actual steps you will need to take in order to be born into God's family. It is a very simple process that will surprise you as to how easy it is. But for right now, we are just talking to you about a new way of living life. If after having looked at this new system you decide to take advantage of Jesus' invitation, then we will go into the steps on *how* to be born again. So, let's take a look at another aspect of what you will get.

Openness Decides The Quantity Of Training

Families and countries provide training for their members. You have been learning how to live as a human in a human community. You have been exposed to many possibilities; your training has been coming your way through examples and education. You have been limited by these sources of training and you have limited yourself. Others have decided what they were willing to make available to you; and, you have decided what you were willing to listen to, learn, and apply. These same principles will be affecting you as Jesus opens His information to you. Even though His education, examples, and training are wide open, you will be deciding what you are willing to listen to, learn, and apply.

You Are Faced With The Same Requirements

We Are Used To New Ways Of Existence

Even though all of this information from Jesus may be foreign to you now, it will gradually become something you will be able to live in like a fish swimming in water. Keep in mind that there was a time when living on this planet was foreign to you. Just listen to Jesus; He will gently take you into these concepts and show you how simple they really are.

This Is Beginner Training

John 3:7 You should not be surprised at My saying, "You must be born again." What Jesus was saying to Nicodemus was, this should be obvious to a person who had been studying the things of God for a long time. In other words, he should have learned this basic concept as one of the first lessons in his spiritual training. Why didn't he? He, like us, spent most, if not all of his time studying things that have to do with this world and this life. We become experts in short-term, temporary issues; that is where you got your information on how to deal with the issues of life.

Leadership Neglect

Think back on all those things you were first taught so you could walk, eat, talk, and get those things you needed and wanted. Remember all of that beginning training in school of basic things you are now using daily. Without all that basic training, life would have been very limited and difficult for you. The people who were training Nicodemus failed him in a lot of ways. Instead of helping him learn spiritual basics along with his human training, they just taught him human things. So, now Jesus was having to introduce him into some very beginning spiritual truths.

Both Ways Take Study

Stop Trial And Error Learning

Nicodemus had worked and studied hard until he knew how to solve his personal problems the human way; but, he didn't have a clue as to what was causing them in the first place. The fact is, we face a lot of problems needlessly. We even *cause* a lot of our own problems because we don't understand the rules of life. It is sad how much we insist on learning things the hard way.

Now's Your Chance!

Unless we go to some kind of school or get involved in some kind of training like this study you are reading now, we never learn the principles of life or prepare for the future. We typically get stuck living life as it comes to us. When challenges with life come our way, we aren't ready to deal with them. You need to learn how to defeat them and how to keep many of them from coming against you in the first place.

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Week Two Day Two

Here's The Question

The way to defeat problems and keep many of them from coming against you in the first place, is for you to start asking questions like Nicodemus did.

Start asking Jesus questions like this:

- What is going to happen to me when I die?
- Why am I here on this planet?
- What does my struggles with life have to do with spiritual issues?
- What really matters in life?
- Am I really getting ahead; or, am I losing the race?
- When I look back on my life, will I like what I see?
- When God looks at the way I lived my life, will He be pleased?

The Right Questions Bring Great Answers

But these types of questions don't seem to come into our minds much. Yet, these are the most important questions in *all* of life. What is it going to take for you to be healed, for your needs to be met, and for you to be successful in life? What would it take for you to get Jesus' love, His incredible knowledge, understanding, and wisdom added to your life? How would you go about getting Jesus' supernatural power flowing into the circumstances of your life?

The Right Questions Get You Ready For Great Answers

Jesus is trying to help you start asking these questions so you will be ready for the answers when they come. If these questions inspire your interest, you will be searching and looking for the answers. When that happens, your heart and mind will be ready for those answers. And, that is when you will start *applying* the right answers to the right situations. This is going to be one of the most important turning points in your life and in all of eternity. You will never be sorry you learned these principles and used these methods. So, let's continue to allow Jesus to teach us, as He goes on to explain what your new life is going to be like.

It's Kind Of Like Wind

Don't Discount The Invisible

John 3:8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. Up until now, you have been mostly influenced by what you can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. Our philosophy has been that if we can't see something, then it must not matter that much. Jesus is disproving this point. We can't see the wind, yet we definitely see its results. Except for moments when the wind does something that changes our life, we ignore it. A*nd*, that is often what we do with spiritual matters.

The Invisible Is Controlling Your Life
Jesus is telling Nicodemus and us that invisible things are *very* important. There are invisible, spiritual issues that are making a major difference in the quality of your life. Even though you can't see them and often don't know they are there, you are still seeing their results. One very important example is that we can see a definite difference in bad people and good people. If you accidently get involved with a bad person, you will pay. If you accidently get involved with a good person, you will profit.

It's Like Taking Advantage Of The Wind

Jesus Can Control The Invisible
That is like us being able to hear the sound of the wind. We can't see evil; but, we can definitely see its results. We can't see the invisible character of a person we hire, allow to hire us, marry, date, work with our investments, train our children, or be our friends; but, we will eventually see the results of their honesty or dishonesty. Character is one of the main things Jesus works on and helps us change in. And, He helps you see things in advance that would have hurt you, but, you avoided them.

Jesus Can Help You See The Invisible
By being born again, you will be able to see other people's character much more clearly. You will also be able to understand the way you think, feel, talk, and act and how it will affect you, those around you, and your relationship with Jesus. You will become a much more enjoyable person to be around. That alone will make you a lot more successful at life; and the fact that you are able to handle the struggles you are having with life will make you much more enjoyable to be around.

Spiritual Existence Is More Real Than Physical Existence

You Are Moving Into The Power Life
We may not be able to see God; but, we are seeing His influence all around us. Being born in God's Spirit won't be observable in the same way our human birth was; but, it will be just as obvious and much more effective. Just like our human birth gave us an existence, our new birth will start us living a whole new and *powerful* existence.

This Is The Path Into The Power Life
This is your first time to be a human and you gradually learned how to live it. This will be your first time being a spirit being in God's world but you will gradually learn how to live it. Jesus will teach you Biblical principles that will show you how to start living in it and how to take advantage of all its benefits. You are going to start living a life that involves new and very important principles. You will still be trying to succeed; you will continue to have great goals; and, you will still be able to put together great plans. But, this time you will be pushing forward to wonderful benefits and pleasures that bring incredible results. <u>The thing that will change is the *methods* you will use for getting there</u>.

The Importance Of The Power Life Prayer Pages

Week Two Day Two

Here's The Question

Jesus, teach me that the way to defeat problems and keep many of them from coming against me in the first place, is for me to start asking questions like Nicodemus did.

Help me start asking You questions like this:

- What is going to happen to me when I die?
- Why am I here on this planet?
- What does my struggles with life have to do with spiritual issues?
- What really matters in life?
- Am I really getting ahead; or, am I losing the race?
- When I look back on my life, will I like what I see?
- When God looks at the way I lived my life, will He be pleased?

The Right Questions Bring Great Answers

Jesus, these types of questions don't seem to come into my mind much. But, help me see that these are the most important questions in *all* of life. Show me what it is going to take for me to be healed, for my needs to be met, and for me to be successful in life. What would it take for me to get Jesus' love, His incredible knowledge, understanding, and wisdom added to my life? How would I go about getting You supernatural power flowing into the circumstances of my life?

The Right Questions Get You Ready For Great Answers

Jesus, You are trying to help me start asking these questions so I will be ready for the answers when they come. Help these questions to inspire my interest; then help me be searching and looking for the answers. Help me so that when that happens, my heart and mind will be ready for those answers. And, that is when I will start *applying* the right answers to the right situations. Help me see that this is going to be one of the most important turning points in my life and in all of my eternity. Show me that I will never be sorry I learned these principles and used these methods. Let me continue to allow You to teach me, as You go on to explain what my new life is going to be like.

It's Kind Of Like Wind

Don't Discount The Invisible

Jesus, just like **the wind blows wherever it pleases.** I **hear its sound, but** I **cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with** me when I am **born of the Spirit (John 3:8).** Up until now, I have been mostly influenced by what I can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. My philosophy has mostly been that if I can't see it, then it must not matter that much. Disprove this point in my heart and mind. Just like I can't see the wind, yet I definitely see its results, teach me that, that is what is happening to me in the invisible realm. Except for when the wind does things that changes my life, I typically ignore it. *and*, that is often what I do with spiritual matters.

The Invisible Is Controlling Your Life

Jesus, You were telling Nicodemus and You are telling me that invisible things are *very* important. There are invisible, spiritual issues that are making a major difference in the quality of my life. Even though I can't see them and often don't know they are there, I am still seeing their results. Use this very important example of me being able to see a definite difference in bad people and good people. If I accidently get involved with a bad person, I will pay. If I accidently get involved with a good person, I will profit.

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Jesus, this is my first time to be a human and I gradually learned how to live it. This will be my first time being a spirit being in God's world but You will help me gradually learn how to live it. Teach me Biblical principles that will show me how to start living in it and how to take advantage of all its benefits. Let me start living a life that involves new and very important principles. Help me still be trying to succeed; continue to have great goals; and, be able to put together great plans. But, this time help me be pushing forward to wonderful benefits and pleasures that bring incredible results. Let an important thing change; change the *method* I will be using for getting there.

The Importance Of The Power Life Truth Pages

Week Two Day Three

How you succeed is just as important as getting help to succeed.

Why Did You Do That?

Getting Solutions That Aren't Solutions

We all want to be happy, get our needs met, and be set free from the things that are bothering us. But, what if the wrong thing makes us happy; what if we get *our* needs met by cheating, lying to, or misleading someone else? What if we trade the thing that is bothering us the most for something that ends up being just as bad? Our solutions aren't always the right and best solutions. Things can solve our problems temporarily but end up creating even greater problems. The people we pick, the things we go after, and the circumstances we create lack the knowledge, understanding, foreknowledge of the future, and wisdom Jesus has.

Getting Jesus' Solutions
Jesus cares about the fact that people hurt people; and He cares about it much more than we do. He not only cares but He deals with *why* these people did what they did to hurt you and you them. You know people have hurt you; you hate being hurt; you never want to be hurt again; you want to do whatever it takes to keep from being hurt; but, it is difficult knowing how to prevent this. This is where Jesus comes in, He deals with a vital issue we tend to ignore or simply do not understand.

God's Family Values

Jesus The Family Builder
What if you were surrounded by people who had your best interests in mind? What if you were associating with people who really cared about you and loved you as much as they loved themselves? Jesus is solving human-relationship and life problems by building a *family*. Those who are allowed in this family will be living in His Kingdom. He's putting His wonderful character in all the people in His family. While you are learning about being born again, other people have already been born again and are being blessed, healed, and changed into wonderful people.

Jesus The Character Builder
Jesus' character totally changes *how* we treat one another. You aren't the only one who is starting to give Jesus a chance. You aren't alone in this journey with Jesus. Other people who had personal problems, character flaws, attitude problems, and relationship weaknesses have been already been changed. Being born again, makes you a part of these peoples' family. Your new family members will love you, care for you, and help you get a much better life. Like these people, by being born in God's Spirit, you learn how to treat people in God's Kingdom and live as a member of His family.

The World's Family Values

The World's Character-Building System
If you and the people around you haven't been born again. That means you mainly care about yourself; you will mostly do what it takes to get what you need. You and the people around you would lie to each other, cheat each other, hurt each other, and use each other people if the situation required it. Being a member of the world family surrounds you and them with people who have attitude and character flaws. You *would* hurt one another!

From World Values To Jesus Values
Your relationships with the people in God's family and Kingdom will be some of the first people you will practice with. You and they will learn how to treat each other well; none of you will be perfect; but, you will all be learning and growing through the power and training of Jesus. These family members will feel a special concern for each other *because* you are all family.

Being Born Again Makes Jesus' Values Available
As you start learning more about character issues such as honesty, integrity, and love, the way you treat yourself and those around you will improve. And, the difficulties you are having with life will be solved. But, without that birth, you won't understand what kind of power and freedom you are being offered. If you feel a little bit confused right now, don't feel bad. Nicodemus' next response shows he felt the same way; and, he had been studying these types of things for a long time.

I'm Not Used To This Kind Of Teaching

You And Your Family Members Will Have Some Growing To Do

John 3:9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. See how little Nicodemus really knew? Here he had been studying spiritual things about God and the things of God most of his life and he still didn't understand the basics. What happened to him was, he had been working on his career. He had lived a long time, applied himself to a lot of study and hard work, but still didn't understand the *most important* principles of life. His knowledge about professions, careers, jobs, getting ahead, and being successful had grown; but, he hasn't grown.

True Success Comes Through Attitudes And Character

Jesus is trying to wake us up so we can get the things we need; He is trying to bring us back to reality; He is showing us the things that really matter. We often listen to Jesus describing the basics in the Gospels (the first four books of the New Testament) and it is like He is talking some foreign language. We are like Nicodemus; we find ourselves asking, how can what You are saying be true?

Who Teaches Attitudes And Character?

Sometimes we are so uneducated in Jesus' life-principles that the simple "ABC's" don't even make sense to us. It is like learning how to drive a car; a person may know everything about the rules of driving; but, if the driver is an evil driver, they are a danger to us all. If they are a drunk driver, we could get killed. The driver may know how to be the best high-speed driver in the world; but, if their attitudes and character are bad, we had better watch out.

Adult Infants

Did You Know That
People Are More Important Than Things?

Sometimes we are like adults that are still playing with toy cars, doll houses, and make-believe video games. The things of this world are only "toys" that represent the real things we will be working with in eternity. If we don't learn how to be successful in this life through these principles, we will be beginners and infants as we move into eternity. We will accumulate things we can't keep and hurt people we will spend eternity with.

Some People Think
Things Are More Important Than People

The challenges Jesus will be giving us all is, how should you be treating people? You and the people around you will be majoring in better and better relationships. If our number one goal in life is to make sure *we* are happy, our needs are being met, we are on top, and we are better than everyone else, then the other members of the family had better watch out. Selfishness, greed, covetousness, hatred, anger, lying, deception, pride, and cheating are tools that destroy people. B*ut*, they can be used by the world-trained to become rich.

This Is Spiritual Kindergarten Information

Now Jesus really starts challenging Nicodemus concerning the simplicity of this subject. Unlike you, he should have learned this principle as a young child. **John 3:10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things?"** Don't get discouraged; Nicodemus was a teacher, a top religious leader in the top people group of that day for studying God; and, *he* didn't get it. It will take a little patience on your part; but, it will all make sense to you soon. If you will just hang in there, you will learn how to become a child of God and will be provided with healing, blessings, and freedom like you have never dreamed possible.

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Jesus, Your character totally changes *how* I treat others and how they treat me. I am glad I am not the only one who is starting to give You a chance. You are keeping me from being alone in this journey with You. Other people who have had personal problems, character flaws, attitude problems, and relationship weaknesses have been already been changed by You. When I get born again, I will be made a part of all these people's family. My new family members will love me, care for me, assist me and help me have a much better life; and, I will do the same for them. Like these people, once I am born by God's Spirit, I will start learning how to treat people in God's Kingdom and how to live as a member of God's family.

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Jesus, many of the people around me haven't been born again. That means we mainly care about our self; that means I will pretty much do what it takes to get what I need and so will they. I and most of the people around me will lie to each other if the situation requires it, cheat each other if we feel we need to, hurt each other if they hurt us, and use each other if we are trying to get to the top. Being a member of the world family surrounds me and them with people who have attitude and character flaws. We *will* all get hurt by one another!

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You And Your Family Members Will Have Some Growing To Do

Jesus, help me see that it is normal for me to not understand all that You teach. Help me identify with this question: **"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked (John 3:9).**

Let me see how little Nicodemus really knew; and, He had been studying spiritual things about God and the things of God most of his life; yet, he still didn't understand the basics. Help me see that what happened to him was what happened to me. He had been working on his career. He had lived a long time, applied himself to a lot of study and hard work, but still didn't understand the *most important* principles of life. His knowledge about professions, careers, jobs, getting ahead, and being successful had grown; but he hadn't grown. That is what has happened to me!

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Jesus, the challenge You are giving me is, how should I be treating people? I and the people around me will be majoring on better and better relationships. Let my number one goal in life *not* be to make sure I am happy, my needs are being met, I am on top, and I am better than everyone else. In that case the other members of my family had better watch out. Help me see that selfishness, greed, covetousness, hatred, anger, lying, deception, pride, and cheating are tools that destroy people. And, even though they can be used by the world-trained to become rich, help me give them all up. Give me Your character and attitudes so I can be helped and help others.

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The Importance Of The Power Life Truth Pages

Week Two Day Four

New Concepts Are All Around You

Willing To Make The Change

We know this is very different from what you have been taught. But, that is why you, your friends, and the experts around you haven't been able to help you. We can keep doing the same things and expect to get different results. We have to be willing to unlearn some things and learn things we may have never heard of before.

Willing To Do What It Takes

Suppose you decided to enter a totally new career. You would go in for training and they would start using terms and words you had no idea what they meant. If you were going into a high technology field, you would see formulas, graphs, drawings, prototypes, and devices that would seem like they were from a different planet. But, if you were serious about this career, you would do what it would take to learn the system. There are a lot of fields and sciences that you don't understand and haven't heard anything about; but they are real and valid.

I Know What I Am Talking About

Experience Proves What Is True

In the same way, Jesus is teaching you a whole new way of life. Let's keep listening to what He has to say because He knows what He is talking about. **John 3:11 I tell you the truth, we speak of what we *know*, and we testify to what we have *seen*, but still you people do not accept our testimony.**

Getting Your Information From The Manufacturer

Jesus understands all of these principles because He is the One Who put it all together. He is not only Creator of the universe, He is the Author of the whole life-principle concept. He is the authority on the subject because He invented life and the new life you are going to be living. When He was here on earth, He did things that were so supernatural, it blows our minds. Yet, He isn't trying to impress you. He is trying to entice you and help you become fascinated with it all. He is just trying to get your attention, so you will become curious enough to start looking into these things.

Jesus Has The Facts You Need

An Open Mind But Not Gullible

Jesus is saying He knows what He is talking about yet some people are rejecting it. Rejecting something without having all the facts isn't having an open mind. Being gullible and having an open mind are two totally different things. Jesus wasn't expecting Nicodemus to be gullible and just blindly accept what He was saying; He was more than willing to explain it to him and help him understand.

Jesus Honors Your Intelligence
Jesus knows you need the facts so you can make a knowledgeable decision. Jesus knows you have to sometimes sort through a lot of information before you can accept all of these new concepts. But, rejecting or making up your mind against it before you have heard it out is being closed minded. Our fear of being gullible sometimes keeps us from being open minded enough to get all the facts.

Jesus Is Different From Your Past Experiences
Jesus knows you have tried a lot of things and they have let you down and failed you. It is hard for you to have an open mind after being disappointed so many times. But, you have finally arrived at the answer to the problems you face. Don't give up now! What if you were walking through the desert in great need of water and just over the next sand hill was a wonderful oasis? Wouldn't it be a shame for you to quit right then? But, the problem is, you have already walked over a lot of sand hills and simply found more sand.

This Is Happening To People All Around You

Sometimes You Just Need Encouragement
What if you met someone and they told you they had just come from the direction you are heading? Suppose they told you that all you had to do was go over one more hill and you would find water. That is what is happening to you right now. We have been where you are now and have found the answers just over the next hill. Jesus can and will do what nothing else has been able to do for you. We know this because He did it for us.

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Even though these things may sound strange to you doesn't mean they are unnatural answers to typical human problems. Being born into God's family and becoming His child has been illustrated to you by your first birth. If you hadn't been born a human, you wouldn't be able to do the things you are living now. Do you want freedom and healing from your struggles with life? Then allow Jesus to lead you into this new and *powerful* life that will be able to set you free.

Tomorrow Jesus will help you look at one last thing He presented to Nicodemus. He asked him a question and it applies to every human everywhere.

The Importance Of The Power Life Prayer Pages

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Jesus, if I met someone, like I have met these people training me, and they told me they had just come from the direction I am heading, help me listen. If, in this example, they told me that all I had to do was go over one more hill and I would find water, I ask You to help me push off all my discouragement and go. Show me that this is what is happening to me right now. Many people have been where I am now and have found the answers just over the next hill. You can and You will do what nothing else has been able to do for me. Those who are training me know this because You did it for them.

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Jesus, show me that even though these things may sound strange to me, it doesn't mean they are unnatural answers to typical human problems. Teach me that being born into God's family and becoming His child has been illustrated to me by my first birth. If I hadn't been born a human, I wouldn't be able to do the things I am living now. Help me see that this is going to happen with being born again. Because of it, I will get freedom and healing from my struggles with life. Help me allow You to lead me into this new and *powerful* life that will be able to set me free.

Jesus, as I go into this next study tomorrow, help me understand and receive it into my heart and mind. As I look at one last thing You presented to Nicodemus, help me identify with him and allow it to help me. You asked him a question that applies to every human everywhere. Help me accept it into my life.

The Importance Of The Power Life Truth Pages

Week Two Day Five

Teaching That Works In Life

Learning How All Of Life Works

Jesus told Nicodemus in **John 3:12: I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?** This is the place where we need to really get the point. Jesus is going to teach us how to run our relationships, our marriages, our families, our businesses, our friendships, and even how to deal with enemies. His principles are going to work so well that your problem with life will melt away. But, before we go into those principles, let's keep looking at the benefits and results you can expect from being born again.

Leaving The Vitals Out Your Training

As new as this is to you, Jesus isn't talking complex, heavy things here. Just because world training and people who haven't been born again didn't teach you these things, it doesn't mean they are invalid or not relevant to every aspect of your life. They left them out of your training because they thought they could succeed without Jesus and His principles. Actually, that is what we all thought.

Going Back To The Basics

But, now that we have seen some real problems with the world's training, we all start looking for something better. Those who give Jesus a chance, are now living the life they tried to get prior to this. And, they are living a life far superior to anything they ever thought was possible. It is all just a matter of being open to new possibilities. It is a matter of not getting stuck in your old way of life and just accepting things the way they are.

Learning Jesus' Teaching Purpose
For those who are willing to allow Jesus to help them get excited about the benefits of being born again, the information that follows will take you deeper into the great and wonderful provisions of Jesus. You will be taught things about Jesus' spiritual world that will help you see why being born again is so powerful and effective. You will see why you lacked the power to do things you actually wanted to do. You will see why a lot of your commitments, determinations, and goal setting didn't get fulfilled.

Jesus is simply wanting to help you see the world around you from a spiritual perspective. He designed *this* world to be a physical example of the eternal, spiritual world you will be a part of very soon. He just wants to help you be open to His teaching so He can show you what your future will look like. He will be using a lot of examples from this world and this life to help you understand what being born again is going to offer you. Your familiarity with this human life will help you feel comfortable with your born-again life. So, let's get started looking at how Jesus is going to be teaching you His principles.

Earth Is Your School
That Trains You For Eternity

Learning Jesus' Teaching Method
John 3:12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? These issues are just dealing with spiritual subjects that run parallel with the natural world. In other words, you will be able to compare how things work around you in the natural world and use them to gain understanding about the spiritual realm and spiritual principles. In other words, Jesus put you on this planet so you could get ready for power that, if misused, could destroy people and the world around them.

Learning Jesus' Teaching Goal
Humans have very little power when compared with the spiritual world. However, even with such limitations they have found ways to do massive damage with governmental systems, weapons, armies, education, and evil. But, you are in the process of moving out of all that. You are about to take the world around you and learn how to use it to help yourself, other people, and God's wonderful plan for us.

Learning Jesus' Teaching System
As you read about Jesus and the conversations He had with people, you will hear stories that take normal events like birth and wind and compare them with these new spiritual issues. Soon you will be moving into the world of God's Kingdom and applying its principles with ease. It is very similar to the world He created and you are living in now. But, it just won't have all the difficulties you are currently facing, such as the problems you are having with life.

Jesus started Nicodemus out with the basics; and, He will do the same for you.

Making A Decision
If you are already convinced of these facts about being born again, Jesus will provide you with an opportunity in the Prayer Pages to leave these studies and go to the instructions for how to be born again. But, we recommend that after you have done that, you come back and finish finding out what all is available to you.

The Importance Of The Power Life Prayer Pages

Week Two Day Five

Teaching That Works In Life

Learning How All Of Life Works

Jesus, You told Nicodemus in **John 3:12: I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?** Now that You are **speaking to** me **of earthly things** help me not be one of those who **do not believe;** otherwise, **how then will** I **believe if** You **speak of heavenly things?**

This is the place where I need to really get Your point. Teach me how to run my relationships, my marriage, my family, my business, my friendships, and even how to deal with my enemies. I believe that Your principles are going to work so well that my problem with life will melt away. But, before I go into those principles, help me keep looking at the benefits and results I can expect from being born again.

Leaving The Vitals Out Your Training

Jesus, as new as this is to me, help me realize that You aren't talking complex, heavy things here. Teach me that just because world training and people who haven't been born again didn't teach me these things, it doesn't mean they are invalid or not relevant to every aspect of my life. They left them out of my training because they thought they could succeed without You and Your principles. Actually, that is what I thought too.

Going Back To The Basics

Jesus, now that I have seen real problems with the world's training, I am looking for better things. Those who have given You a chance, are now living the life they tried to get prior to this. And, they are living a life far superior to anything they ever thought was possible. Help me be open to new possibilities. Help me not getting stuck in my old way of life and just accept things the way they are. Help me learn that these things You are saying are simple, spiritual basics that people should have taught me in the beginnings of my life.

Learning Jesus' Teaching Purpose

Jesus, help me be willing to go on looking at more of the benefits of being born again, help me be taken deeper into Your great and wonderful provisions. Let me be taught things about Your spiritual world that will help me see why being born again is so powerful and effective. Help me see why I lacked the power to do things I actually wanted to do. Show me why a lot of my commitments, determinations, and goal setting didn't get fulfilled. Let me get started looking at how You are going to be teaching me Your principles.

Jesus, You are simply wanting to help me see the world around me from a spiritual perspective. You designed *this* world to be a physical example of the eternal, spiritual world I will be a part of very soon. You just want to help me be open to Your teaching so You can show me what my future will look like. You will be using a lot of examples from this world and this life to help me understand what being born again is going to offer me. My familiarity with this human life will help me feel comfortable with my born-again life. So, let me get started looking at how You are going to be teaching me Your principles.

This concludes
"The Importance Of The Power-Life."

Be sure to fill out your "My Power Growth Record" sheet.

You are now ready to start
"The Importance Of Eternal Life."