

John 3:1-21

Faith As Sight

READ John 3:1-21, Hebrews 11:1-13 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Andrew Edmonds [sermon](#).

In the final verse of the much loved hymn *'It is Well with My Soul'* it says, *"and Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight"*. This side of eternity we have faith in our Savior even though we don't see Him directly. As Peter tells us, *"Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."* (1 Peter 1:8–9, ESV). Our faith looks to our living hope in Jesus, and Nicodemus needed to have faith (being born again) to see and enter the Kingdom of God.

Main lesson: Through faith people can spiritually experience Jesus and live in the light He provides, whilst also seeking to invite others to come and see Jesus also.

Questions:

1. How is the notion of faith being our spiritual sight be evident in 1 Corinthians 13:12 and Hebrews 11:1-13?
2. How does Nicodemus know Jesus comes from God? Can this knowledge qualify him into the kingdom of God?
3. How did Jesus explain what it means to be 'born again' (John 3:5-6)?

4. How does the reference to 'wind' (John 3:8) aid our understanding about the new birth?

5. What occurs in 'regeneration'? See Ezekiel 36:25–27

6. How does Jesus mentioning 'Numbers 21:4-9' in John 3:14 impact our understanding of John 3:15-18?

7. Read John 3:19-21. What is 'the light' and why do people either love or hate the light? How does the concept of light relate to the concept of belief?

8. What did you learn about God, His nature and His plan from the passage?

9. In what ways are you similar to Nicodemus in trusting your own efforts/status, rather than looking to Christ and believing in Him?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: *God who enables us to be born again through belief in Jesus.*

Confess: *Of times when we have sought position or works to gain our way in the Kingdom of God.*

Pray: *That you would love and live in the light, and invite others to come and see Jesus so that they would believe.*