



The Granddaddy of Promises

Series: Quilted Promises

Scripture: John 3:1-18

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” - John 3:16

What this promise tells us:

1. We are _____.
2. We are so _____.
3. We're all _____.

_____ Jesus is not just going to heaven when you die, it's getting the _____ and the honor of _____ for heaven while you live.

In John 3:1-18 we find that Nicodemus was:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Jesus met him _____ he _____ and told him how to get to heaven.

- You must be _____.
- To Nicodemus it's _____.
 - Being in the kingdom of God is not a set of rules you _____ to. It is a new _____ you _____ into.
- To Nicodemus it's an _____.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21

From the story we are reminded that we should never _____ your human _____ on who God wants to _____.

Start talking.

- What's a "quilted" or framed Bible verse you've seen in someone's home or have hanging in your own? Why do you think that one is meaningful or comforting?

Start thinking.

- Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night? What does that tell us about his spiritual state?
- How does understanding the background of Nicodemus (his status, success, and religion) change the way we read John 3:16?
- Jesus describes the human condition as "perishing" (Greek *apollumi*). What does that word tell us about our need for salvation?
- What's the significance of the phrase "God so loved the world..."? What does "so" communicate to you?
- How does Jesus' example of the serpent in the wilderness (John 3:14–15) help us understand the Gospel?

Start sharing.

- How have you seen people try to fix or deny the problem of spiritual lostness?
- In what ways is love shown through giving? How does this help you understand God's gift of Jesus?
- Jesus said we must be "born again." What are some misunderstandings people have about that phrase?
- Why do you think people resist the idea that salvation is received, not earned?
- Where do you see yourself in Nicodemus' story? Are you like him—religious but still searching, serious but spiritually unsure?
- Have you ever had a "nighttime faith" moment, where you were curious or hesitant about going all in with Jesus?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for this wonderful witness of a man with a teachable spirit. I pray that like Nicodemus, I may have a teachable spirit and be prepared to come to You with all my needs and questions. Help me not to trust in my own understanding, knowing that You not only have the answer, but that You are the answer. This I pray in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- What would it look like this week to live in the "quality of life" Jesus offers, not just the quantity?
- Who is your "Nicodemus"? Someone who looks put-together but might be spiritually empty?
- How can this story embolden you to share the Gospel with people who seem unlikely to believe?