

# Light On Our Path



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**Genesis 12:7-8** “The LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.”

### *God calls Abram*

Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Text: Genesis 12:7-8

If I was to offer you a nice shiny loonie for all that you own, would you take it? The loonie is nice and bright, and you can buy some things with it. But would it be a good deal to give everything you have for it? Not likely.

We know a little about the value of things, don't we? Often, however, we prove that we don't really have a good sense of value. Think about what Adam and Eve did in paradise. They wanted to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It was beautiful and looked very tasty.

But what would they have to give up to have it? They would have to give up a great deal. They would have to give up God's friendship and become his enemies. But how could they survive without having God's friendship? Yet, that is exactly what they did. They sold God's friendship and took the fruit instead.

Was that a good deal? Of course not! It was a very bad deal. The very worst deal imaginable!

Jesus once said, “*What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?*” (Mark 8:35) It’s like a thief pulls out his gun, “Your money or your life.” Who will say, *Well, I’ve got a lot of money in my pocket, so I’ll keep the money; you can have my life..*

The story of Abram tells us something about the correct value of things. Abram knew that there was nothing more important than to have a good relationship with God. He would do anything rather than to displease God. If God said “Go”, he’d go. How did he know that? He knew this by faith.

Think of what we read in verse 1, “*The LORD had said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you.’*” So (vs 4) he left the world he knew (family and kin) for the one he didn’t. We read in Hebrews 11, “*By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.*”

He travelled through Canaan, and came to Shechem. God stopped Abram here: *This is the land I’m giving you. Your children one day will have it all.*

Now have a look at the verse where we read verse 7: “*The LORD appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give*

*this land.’ So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.”* We read that the Lord *appeared* to Abram. The word Lord is in capital letters. That’s too bad. It always makes me think that the word Lord should be shouted when I see it that way. But really what we have here is a code. A few hundred years before Jesus Christ was born, the Jews decided that they should never say God’s personal name ever again because it was too holy. That was a man-made holiness, and man-made holiness usually leads to trouble. Anyway, when the Jews translated the Bible, then they used a code when they came to God’s personal name. And the Christian church followed that practice. We’ve got a code here for God’s personal name. In the original Bible (the Hebrew Bible), the word here is Yahweh.

Yahweh appeared to Abram. We’ll get to the importance of that name in a moment. Yahweh appeared to Abram. Now we often read that God spoke to people before this. He spoke to Cain, to Noah and to Abram (verse 1), but this is the first time that we read that God *appeared* to anyone - at least, the first time since paradise. In paradise, God came down to walk with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. He appeared to them. And now God appears to Abram too. From this point forward, God would appear more often to Abram.

God was restoring what man had lost in paradise. There we had lost the intimate fellowship with God. That’s a big problem,

because we were created to live with God. Ever since we were expelled from paradise, we have been trying to get back in.

God appeared to Abram. For this, Abram will give up everything. We saw before how in verse 2-3 Yahweh made very rich promises to Abram, but promises was all he got. He did not actually receive any substance. In fact, Yahweh made another promise in our passage, *“To your offspring I will give this land.”* Not to Abram but to his children. For Abram there are only promises. Abram would have to be content with promises. But there was one thing, you might say, that Abram actually received: God would be with Abram. Yahweh appeared to Abram now and at least three more times during his life. Yahweh would regularly appear to him.

And because it is Yahweh, Abram is content. For his name means: I am who I am. I do what I say. I give what I promise. I am true and faithful. I am the one you can count on. Believe in me. Nobody who puts his hope in me will be disappointed or ashamed. And all God’s promises have found their “Yes” in Jesus Christ. God has done what he promised through Jesus Christ! If Abram believed in God, how much more should we not believe! Abram was content with promises; the promises we have are richer. Abram was content with God’s presence; God’s presence has become richer for us because the Holy Spirit has been poured out on the church.

So Abram made an altar and offered sacrifice. He wanted what God promised. He was content to have nothing himself, so long as he may have God. So he sacrificed.

Abram traveled further in the land. This land was God’s land. Soon it would be Abram’s land. It would belong to his children, because God is Yahweh. He lives up to his promises. Abram came to the region between Bethel and Ai, another central place, and he pitched his tent there - this would be his home. But he lived in a tent - remember, he has nothing but promises, not even a home! But he built an altar. Though he lived in a tent, God must be worshipped on a stone altar. This land is God’s land but Abram is only camping on it, like a weekend camper.

Here he called on God’s name. He celebrated having a relationship with God. What matters is not having land, friends and family. What matters is not being rich and healthy. There are many false teachers who pollute the gospel, but understand this: The only thing we need is to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and to hold onto him by faith. It does not matter how much we might suffer, how little we have, what we lack. If God is for you, who can be against you?

Many pervert the gospel and leave us deeply discouraged. Here in our text we are encouraged. You are rich. You have a full and beautiful hope. You might not have it easy, but it will be different in the future. You need to believe that. Remember who

it is that is promising things to you. It is Yahweh, the God who does what he says. If you have God, you have everything. Hold onto that and you will receive everything, for he will never let any of his promises to you fail.

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**Genesis 12:13** *“Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”*

### ***Abram in Egypt***

Reading: Genesis 12  
Text: Genesis 12:13

Sometimes the Bible can make you very uncomfortable because the holiness of God is so awesome and we are so sinful. We find ourselves wondering, “Are the promises of the Bible really for me? Can Jesus Christ be my Saviour too? What will happen to me when I stand at the throne of judgment?”

Then we read about Abram in Genesis 12. Abram is our father, says Paul, the father of all who believe (Romans 4:11). He is also described in Hebrews 11 as one of the heroes of the faith. But he is a man who is just like me, and just like you. He could be sinful, selfish and fearful. Abram our father needed not only to be saved by the grace of God in Jesus Christ, but he needed to be

rescued by God’s mercy because of the troubles he brought upon himself by his sinful choices.

God had promised Abram that he would possess the land of Canaan, so he delighted to live in it, to walk up and down in it and to discover the land which his children would one day possess. He felt great joy at the idea that his children would become the channel of blessings for all peoples. Remember the promise? God told Abram in verse 2-3: *“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”* What an awesome position he one day would have in the world!

But a famine had struck his inheritance. Probably that means that it did not rain for a long, long time. The farmers planted crops in the fields, but either the seeds never began to grow at all because there was no rain, or the plants began to grow but turned brown and died before they could produce any fruit. So the farmers would turn the soil over and try again, but there would be very little grain left to plant. When the second planting failed, then people were in big trouble.

Abram realized he had to go to Egypt. Egypt had the Nile River running through, and the Nile never stopped flowing - the farmers there always have water for their fields. So off to Egypt Abram went.

But as he went, Abram asked himself, “What if Pharaoh sees Sarai my wife and wants her?” Pharaoh is the name of the king who ruled in Egypt. And Sarai, Abram’s wife, was a very beautiful woman. The Pharaoh would often do that - if he saw a woman whom he wanted, he would just take her. And if she was already married, then he might command his soldiers to kill her husband. Things could be very brutal that way.

So Abram asks himself, “What if Pharaoh wants my wife Sarai?” A good plan would have been: “Well, she is my wife, and Pharaoh will have to kill me before he can have her. Sarai is the wife God gave me and through my wife, I will receive children and become a great nation. God will take care of us. I will trust in God.”

Did Abram do the right thing? No. Instead he told Sarai to pretend to be his sister. If Pharaoh wanted her, he could just take her and he would not have to kill Abram first. Now it was true that Sarai was Abram’s sister - his half sister for they shared the same father, but they had different mothers. But does that make it right for Abram to say that Sarai was his sister? Of course not. Abram wanted to deceive Pharaoh by pretending that Sarai was not his wife.

And this is very sinful - and not just because it was a lie. It was sinful because Abram was ready to give up everything that God had promised him. Abram and Sarai were to be blessed with

rich promises. They were going to possess the land of Canaan. They were going to have children who would become a nation. They were going to be channels of blessing for the whole world.

But to save his own life, Abram was ready to throw all that away. And it almost happened. Pharaoh saw Sarai, and because she was so beautiful, he wanted her, so he sent for her and she was brought to Pharaoh. Because he thought that Abram was just her brother and not her husband, Pharaoh sent gifts to Abram. In effect, then, Abram sold his wife for a comfortable life, and he sold God’s grace for wealth (verse 16).

Abram was being very sinful. By telling a lie, he not only spared his life, but became very rich, but he lost everything God had promised him. It was like trading the kingdom of this world for the kingdom of the next. The land of Canaan could no longer be his because his wife had been given to another man.

Have you ever found yourself in trouble because of foolish choices you had made? You could have done the right thing, but you didn’t dare to, so you did the wrong thing instead - you told a lie, you sold out a friend, you did not put your trust in God, you did something dishonest to save your money or to get some more.

It has been said before, lies are for losers. It is always true. If you tell a lie to save yourself, you will always lose. But God does not abandon us to our foolish choices. He often comes and rescues us. And so now, when everything is lost, God comes and

rescues Abram and Sarai. Verse 17 says “*But the LORD inflicted serious diseases on Pharaoh and his household because of Abram's wife Sarai.*”

Abram must have felt utterly humiliated. His sinful secret was out and everyone knew it. He had sold his wife to save his skin. God brought Sarai back to Abram, and sent him back to Canaan, to the Promised Land. If Abram and Sarai didn't know it already, then they knew for sure now: They did not deserve God's grace. They had sold God's grace but God brought it back for them.

Often we are like Abram. We won't risk anything for Jesus Christ. We fail to be witnesses for him because of fear - fear of ridicule, fear of getting hurt. We might even do as Peter did: Tell a lie to get out of trouble: “I do not know Jesus.”

But God is not like that. God loves us even when we are sinning against him. God loved Abram even when he sinned against him. God will take care of you. What Sarai was to Abram, that is what we are to Jesus - we are his bride. He will not sell us out - he will not be afraid to stand by our side in times of danger. He will not leave you for anything, even when you sin against him, if you repent. He loves you, will take care of you, and bring you in to the Promised Land.

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**Genesis 13:9** “Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.”

### *Abram and Lot Separate*

Reading: Genesis 13  
Text: Genesis 13:9

Abraham is our father - the father of many nations - “the father of us all” says Paul in Romans 4:16, because we believe in the same thing as Abraham. But now, that is the question: Do you believe the same thing as he did? The faith of Abraham is one that runs deep. These chapters of Genesis teach us about his faith. God is challenging you just as he challenged Abraham to say, “Yes, it is enough for me that God promises me his blessings. I do not need to have what he promises yet. God's friendship through Jesus Christ is all I need now in this world.” Is that enough for you?

In chapter 13, our faith is challenged in a unique way. Let us pay listen to that message. In this chapter, Abram and Sarai experience a deepening sense of loneliness, of being aliens in the world. In chapter 15 God will say to him, “*I am your very great reward.*” Already, that is being pressed on him: Is this enough?

Think of the situation. A happy company left Ur of the Chaldeans: father Terah left with his son Abram and daughter-in-law Sarai, along with grandson Lot, intending to go to Canaan. They got as far as Haran and there they stayed, until Terah died. The company of four was reduced to three.

One day God told Abram to leave Haran and to go farther west to Canaan. So they went to Canaan. It did not take long before the land they came to, failed. "There was a famine in the land" (12:10), so the company of three travelled to Egypt, but things did not turn out well for them there. They could not stay because of trouble with Pharaoh. So they returned to Canaan.

You can imagine that Abram and Sarai must have been quite discouraged by now. But things were not about to get better. Abram and Lot both became wealthy in Canaan. Though they had first experienced Canaan as a land of famine, it turned out to be quite blessed. But the land could not support both Abram and Lot. Their herdsmen began to quarrel as they competed for grazing lands and watering holes, and so they separated. Abram said to Lot, "*Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left.*" (Gen. 13:9). Lot went to the East and Abram stayed in the western part of Canaan.

Now they are two. Abram and Sarai are alone.

Lot has not just left their company, but Abram and Sarai are left with the terrible sense that Lot has sold them out,

abandoned the faith. We read in Genesis 13:12 that "*Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.*" Lot left for the city. Abram must live landless, alone, but Lot lives in the company of his fellow man and participates in their culture, even though it was a godless culture. Verse 13 says, "*the men of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the LORD.*" So Lot's departure to the east was a bitter pill for Abram and Sarai to swallow.

God had promised in 12:2 that Abram would grow, that he would receive the land, that he would be the source of blessing and that he would be blessed. So far, however, it turned out that he was smaller. His family was gone. He was landless. What blessing he received seemed only to create further tension, division and a deeper sense of loneliness. And there was no clear way in which he was being a blessing to others.

But did Abram give up? No, he did not. God had begun the work of faith in Abram, and God will perfect that faith. He came to Abram to encourage him in Genesis 13:14-17 with these words: "*The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, 'Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the*

*land, for I am giving it to you.”* God did not give him land; instead he gave him promises. He encouraged Abram to walk through the land, discover its geography, claim it by walking its plains, valleys and mountaintops. It will all be yours, God tells Abram.

How often had they not thought about the land they had come from, the relatives left behind. In the quiet of night, Sarai must have wept in her bed because of her loneliness, barrenness, landlessness, and insecurity. “Oh Abram, let’s go back to Haran.” These things weigh on a woman heavier than on a man. Surely, it weighed heavily on Abram too.

Often we will find ourselves alone, isolated. You will wonder, “Am I making the right choices? Is this how God would want me to live?” You feel isolated even more when your loved ones leave. You wonder, “Have they given up on the promises of God?”

Is God’s love in Jesus Christ enough for you? Will you remain faithful to him for Jesus’ sake? It takes courage to begin to follow the path God calls you to take; it sometimes takes tremendous faith to keep on walking that path. It is so hard to remain faithful to God.

The powerful and self-seeking carve up the earth. But Jesus said, “The meek shall inherit the earth.” The meek shall inherit. Those who take the earth now for themselves never really

possess it at all. Whether you pay money for land, or simply steal it by force of power, you never really possess it. The only way to possess the land is for God to come and say, “Here, I give this to you.”

Jesus Christ has paid the price not only to own and possess *us*, but to own and possess the whole earth. He is Lord of heaven and earth. He waits for now while the rich and powerful buy up the land and use it for their own purposes, often unjustly. He will take it back and give it to those whom he loves, those who have loved him, who have put their hope in him, who bow in spirit before his throne and have given their lives to serving him.

If we feel like aliens and strangers now, do not despair. Our father Abram has been there. It may become worse for you. You are challenged to be faithful. And when you feel the pressure most, God will encourage you just as he did Abram - he calls you to the place where he speaks to you, here where the message of the gospel is proclaimed for our encouragement. By God’s grace, we will remain faithful. It is enough that we have God’s friendship and love through Jesus Christ. Look to the east, to the west, to the north and to the south: It is all yours. You will receive it. Do not doubt it. For this dwelling place for man will be cleansed and it shall become the dwelling place for God and for his people.

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***Members of God's Kingdom are Born Again***

Reading & Text: John 3:1-15

We know from going to school that there are two kinds of teachers. Good teachers and bad teachers. There are two teachers here in John 3. Who are they?

One is a Teacher come from God (v.2), that is Jesus, and the other is a teacher of Israel, from Jerusalem, that is Nicodemus (v.10). So the two teachers in the passage are Jesus and Nicodemus. You can say one is a good teacher and the other is bad teacher, but let us call one the *true* teacher and the other the *false* teacher. In this passage we read together there is one very important question. Each of these teachers came up with two very different answers: one right and one wrong!

Now what's the question in John 3:1-15? The question is this: How can a man enter into God's kingdom, that is how can a person enter into relationship with God the great king and be part of God's Kingdom? That's the question. Does a person have the ability to enter into God's Kingdom?

**The Inability To Enter (vv.1-3)**

In verse 1, we see three things about this teacher from Jerusalem. He was an important religious leader (a Pharisee). He was a ruler of the Jews. And his name was Nicodemus, which means "victor over the people." He was a good, moral, upright man.

And from verse 2 we read that Nicodemus meets the Teacher come from God, Jesus. Nicodemus comes to visit Jesus at night. Nicodemus goes to Jesus secretly because he does not want his community and friends to know about this visit. He wanted to discuss an important question with Jesus, but in secret.

Nicodemus starts the conversation with these words, "*Rabbi, (which means teacher) we know that You are a Teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.*"

Nicodemus starts off with saying nice things about Jesus but he is not really sure who Jesus is. Jesus does not say thank you or discuss what Nicodemus says, but Jesus sees into Nicodemus' heart and mind. What does Jesus see? He sees a question that has been troubling Nicodemus: Does man have the ability to enter the kingdom of God? That's why verse 3 says, "*Jesus replied or answered and said to him....*" Jesus answered because He saw the question in Nicodemus' heart.

Jesus gives a simple answer to Nicodemus' question: 'No, you cannot enter.' This is a simple statement of man's inability. Man's inability is so bad Jesus says that, "*Unless one is born again, he cannot even see the kingdom of God.*" (v.3) You see, Nicodemus, the teacher of Israel, had always taught that man has the ability to enter. Nicodemus taught that man could climb the ladder to God by doing the right things. Nicodemus taught that you must try to become a new man for God and if you try hard enough you can do it, and he thought he did.

Jesus sees this and He says, no! no! no! You cannot enter the Kingdom, unless you are born again. Unless you are born again, you will not even "SEE" the kingdom, says Jesus! Jesus is telling Nicodemus, You think you are seeing properly. But you are not. You are born blind. You are born dead in your sins. Was this just the condition of Nicodemus?

No! It is the condition of all mankind however lived.

You can dress a corpse with warm clothes, use cosmetics to keep it looking nice, fragrance and spices to keep it smelling nice. But it's still a corpse. All that you do won't make it new, won't give it life. In the same way, man is born dead, dead spiritually! That is why each person must be born again to be alive and enter the Kingdom of God. That's the picture Jesus, our Teacher from God, wants us to see about ourselves. Man is totally unable to do anything to enter

because he is spiritually DEAD. Do you see the truth about yourself here? Do you admit that Jesus is the Teacher come from God, and His teaching is good also about you?

### **Now what Must Happen In Order To Enter the Kingdom (vv.4-8)?**

In other words, what's the remedy to the fact that sinful people cannot enter the Kingdom of God? Well, Jesus says that "you" must become a "new you." You must be born again. Only then is the door to life with God open to you. This is what must happen to you!

But the question is: "How?" Do we need to be reincarnated? Take on a new body? Is that what Jesus is saying?

That is what Nicodemus thought Jesus was saying. "*How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?*" (v. 4) "No, no", says Jesus, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.*" Here Jesus explains what it means to be "born again." It means be born "from above." It must come from heaven. It must come from God. That's what He means by being "born of water and the Spirit." It is God's work of making us spiritually alive so that we can believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit must first plant the seed in us so that it can sprout into faith. Unless this happens, you cannot enter the

kingdom of heaven. And the water points to the washing away of our sins through the blood of Jesus.

To come to or believe in Jesus, you need new life from God first. That's why Jesus says to Nicodemus in verse 6: *"that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* It doesn't do to be born again in another body, and your good deeds can never be good enough to allow you to reach God. You won't enter the Kingdom these ways. John 1:12-13 confirms this. It's *"not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, (no matter how hard one tries!), nor of the will of man, but of God!"*

It is so important that we understand this that Jesus says it again a third time: *"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'you must be born again'"* (verse 7). This is not a command: Jesus is not saying, "now you make sure and get yourself born again!" No. You don't make that decision. Just like you had nothing to do with your physical birth you cannot bring about your spiritual birth. You can't make yourself alive so that you believe. This decision comes from above, from God. Jesus is saying you must go through a rebirth, if you are going to enter the Kingdom of God.

See verse 8. *"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."* Jesus is saying, "it's not up to you, but up to God." Just like we cannot control the wind, we cannot control the work of the Holy Spirit.

God plants new life into a spiritually dead person. How can you tell if you or someone else is spiritual alive? We can only observe it by its effects in our lives. Just as we hear the sound of the wind, so too the work of the Holy Spirit will show in the lives of those in whom God gives this new life! A spiritual rebirth will show in a new, changed life. How will it show? It will show itself in repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus.

Nicodemus then responds, *"How can these things be?"* (verse 9) And Jesus says to him, *"Are you a teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?"* He should have known! Was he not a teacher of Israel? He should have known what God said to His people about the new birth in Ezekiel 36:24-27.

So, if this remedy is from above, where can I look for this remedy? How can I get this new life?

### **Where To Look For This Remedy (vv.8-15)**

Nicodemus should have known what Jesus was talking about since Ezekiel 36 and Jeremiah 31:31 speak about this. Jesus says to him, *"Most assuredly, we speak what we know and testify what we have seen and you do not receive our witness* (verse 11). Jesus was telling Nicodemus what had already been told him in the Bible, so why didn't he just accept it? Because he did not think he was that bad by nature.

Many today, even teachers and preachers do not receive the witness of Jesus, the Teacher from heaven either. They don't receive the witness of His Word, in the Bible.

Why because they want to hold to the lie that they can be good enough to get to the Kingdom of God.

Many deny that man is totally unable to make himself acceptable to God. The new birth is 100% an act of God's sovereign grace to whom He wills! Jesus tells Nicodemus, if you don't believe this miracle that takes place on earth in the hearts of men and women, you do not understand true Christianity, and so you will not understand the deeper things or heavenly things. That's why Jesus says in verse 12, *"if I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things"?*

Jesus tells Nicodemus, if you want this new life, you must look to the Son of Man. You must look to Jesus for this heaven-sent remedy! You must look to the Teacher from heaven. No other teacher or guru came from heaven. Only the Son of God who has descended from heaven (verse 13)!

Jesus Goes on in verse 14 *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes on Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (vv.14-15). Jesus is saying, "Nicodemus, you know that bronze serpent that Moses raised in the wilderness (Numbers 21:4-

9)? People were dying with no ability to save themselves from the deadly snake poison." The total inability of man was made plain there. They were dying. The only remedy lay outside of them because only death lay in the people.

So too if you want to have a new life, you must look up to Jesus! To Jesus lifted up on the cross! This new birth, new life, is rooted in Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross for your sins. This is where you must look! But in order to do this, you must see that you have nothing in you that will give you spiritual life. Everything in you is filled with spiritual death, filled with hatred, jealousy, and disobedience to God. You are dead and you have no ability. You must believe on Him and trust in His perfect sacrifice in your place!

But you say, "How can I look if I am dead? How can I believe if I am dead?" True, God commands us to believe. But He is so gracious; He also gives what He commands. Ask Him and He will give you what you need for this new life. Jesus once asked a paralyzed man to get up and walk. He couldn't get up. Yet the call was there: Get up! And God gave what He commanded. He gave him the ability to walk again. This only happened because Jesus had and has the authority to make man do what they cannot do themselves.

God does not command us to get up out of our wheel chairs but he does command us to believe in Jesus Christ as the only one

who can get us into the Kingdom of God. Do you believe Jesus has authority in your life?

The call is not to be born again, but God's call to us is to believe in His only begotten Son (John 3:16)! Do you believe? If you say, "yes, I believe Jesus Christ died for me, a sinner," then you have evidence that you have been born again. And so you also have entered into a relationship with God the king and are part of His Kingdom.