

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LOOK

How we believe and express our faith is rooted in our own experiences, knowledge, and world view. That can limit our understanding of the divine. But the Holy Spirit has a way of shaking things up just when we least expect it.

1. What behaviors tend to keep you in a spiritual rut?
2. How has your faith been revitalized or understood in a new and unique way thanks to an interesting experience or conversation?

BOOK *John 3:1-17*

1. This passage may be pretty familiar to you. What do you hear “new” in it this time?
2. The Greek word “again” is better translated “from above”. Does this change the meaning of the passage for you?
3. What surprises and gifts did Nicodemus receive in this first encounter with Jesus?

TOOK

We may not be able to be born again but we can certainly be born from above!

1. Share with each other your experience of being born from above.
2. How does hearing each other’s stories encourage you?