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“For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable, but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.” 1 Peter 1:23

Jesus talked about being born again when He walked on this earth, and His statements made it clear that this should be a priority for those seeking the Kingdom of God. To Nicodemus He said: *No one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again, John 3:3.* To His disciples, He said: *You need to change and become like little children. If you don't, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:3*

One of the most endearing qualities of children is their willingness to trust. It is considered to be the first developmental task that takes place in infancy, the building of trust between the baby and its parent. This is what Jesus calls us to do – to build a trust in Him, so that we can walk through this wicked world without fear.

This is a difficult task to execute – there is a reason it's the first developmental task of human life -- it doesn't get easier with age! So I love how Peter put it in his first letter to the early church. We are born again ***through the living and enduring word of God.*** Just as a student cannot put a math book under his pillow at night to absorb all the knowledge for a test the next day, I cannot simply surround myself with the accouterments of Christianity and expect this rebirth to occur and trust to infuse via osmosis into my mind. I must open the Bible. I must read the Bible. This is what it means to seek the Kingdom of God – to learn of Him and then to search for Him in each day that I walk through.

It's a treasure hunt of the highest order! In this troubled, sin-plagued world, it is not difficult to find evil, but Jesus calls us to search for Him. When a prospector goes searching for gold, he doesn't get caught up in looking at the worthless rocks and stones, his mind and energy is trained to seek the treasure!

The Bible is our map for that treasure! It resets our minds to see God and His marvelous works even in the most mundane or difficult of circumstances. The Bible will redirect our path, refocus our hearts, and renew our trust in God every day. The days can be filled with peace, joy and love if we look to Jesus.

Today, I invite you on this treasure hunt. Everywhere you go, and in everything you do, look for the power of God! If you can't find it, then ask Him to help, because He has promised to be our refuge and strength. He does not leave us to manage our rebirth and transformation alone. His power is at work, and His tools are available to us.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. 1 Corinthians 12:9