

Sermon

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“Cua Tuaj Qhov Twg Tuaj?”

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Thov txoj koobhmoov txoj kev hlub thiab txojkev haumxeeb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Yauhas 3:8 “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit - *Cua yuav ntsawj mus sab twg los yeej tau; koj hnov lub suab, tiamsis cua tuaj qhov twg tuaj lossis cua mus qhov twg koj yeej tsis paub. Txhuatus uas yug los ntawm Vajntsujplig zoo ib yam nkaus li ntawd.*” ‘No yog Vajtswv Txojlus’ (Cross Reference – Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 135:7, Tej Lus Qhia 1:6; 11:5, Exekees 37:9, Yauhas 3:7, 9)

Illustration “Born again”

(Show pictures chaplain visiting hospital patient)



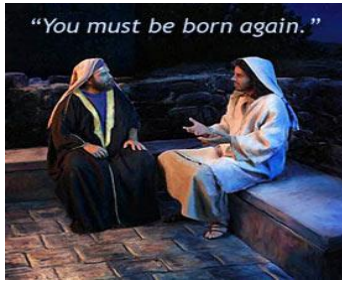
Muaj ib tus xibhwb “Chaplain” lawv tes haujlwm yog pab txhawb cov muaj mob los ntawm txojkev thov Vajtswv thiab nplig lawv siab thaum lawv muaj kev txhawj xeeb. Lawv txoj dejnum yog ua rau lub “hospital – tsev khomob.” Ib txhia ua rau cov tubrog. Ib txhia ua rov cov tsev laus. Muaj ib tus pojniam nws pws ntawm ib lub tsev khomob. Nws nyuaj siab heev vim hais tias muaj ib tus “Chaplain - xibhwb” los nug nws saib nws puas tau “save – cawm” dim los “born again - yug dua tshiab?” Tus pojniam no xav tsis thooob li vim haistias nws yog ibtus ntseeg Vajtswv ntev los lawm thiab nws yeej tuaj mus pehawm Vajtswv rau txhua hnuabso.

(Show born again what does it mean?)

"BORN AGAIN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?"

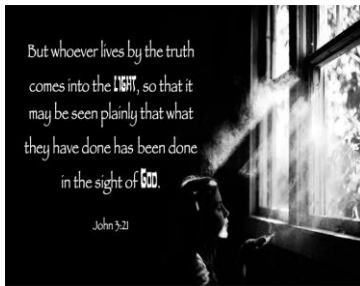
Nws yeej nyeem nws phau Vajluskub, nws ua ib tus “Sunday school teacher – *qhia Vajluskub rau Hnuabso*” thiab yeej ib txwm pab nws pawgntseeg ua dejnum. Thaum tus Chaplain no mloog nws li ntawd, nws tsis totaub haistias tus Chaplain lolus “born again - yug dua tshiab” yog txhais li cas tiag. Nws tsis nco haistias tus ntseeg yuavtsum rov muaj dua ib zaug tias yus yuavtsum muaj qhov “born again experience - yug dua tshiab kev ua.” Nws yeej ib txwm ntseeg thiab cia siab rau Vajtswv. Muaj tej pawgntseeg qhia haistias koj yuavtsum tau txojkev “born again experience - yug dua tshiab kev ua.” koj thiaj li yog tus ntseeg Vajtswv tiag. Tiamsis raws li kuv totaub peb cov Lutheran yeej tsis qhia tias koj yuav tsum tau “Experience – *Kev ua*” yog tau kiag ib yam txawv txawv tias koj paub kiag tias koj twb yug dua tshiab lawm.

I. Yog li ntawd Nikaudemaus los yeej tsis totaub ib yam ntawd thiab. (Show Jesus and Nicodemus)



Txojkev yug dua tshiab yog ib yam ua txawv kawg nkaus rau Nikaudemaus. Nws tsuas paub tias koj yuavtsum coj raws li txoj kevcai, xws li yuavtsum muaj kev ntseeg loj, thiab cia siab rau Vajtswv. Tiamsis qhov tseeb tiag nws tsis totaub Yexus. Yexus tsis yog hais txog rov yug dua ntawm cev nqaj daimtawv, tiamsis yog hais txog yug dua ntawm sab ntsujplig. Yexus tsis yog teb kom Nikaudemaus totaub tiamsis nws teb yam “Mystery - Txawv” rau Nikaudemaus. Yexus haistias, “unless one is born of water and spirit – *yog li ntawd ibtug yuavtsum yug ntawm dej thiab ntsujplig.*” Yexus hais ntxiv tias,

“Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again - *Koj tsis txhob laj xav tej uas kuv hais no rau koj, ‘Koj yuavtsum yug dua tshiab.’*” (Show John 3:21)



Yog haistias Yexus hais tias, yam uas nws hais ntawm peb tsis totaub thiab tsis txhob poob siab, peb yuav ua li cas paub txog lub sijhawm twg peb thiaj li paub tias peb “yug dua tshiab” los raug “cawm lawm?” Yexus tsis yog hais txog yam ua peb experience txawv txawv ntawd tiamsis nws hais txog tes dejnum uas peb ua. Yexus thiaj li haistias, “that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life – *tus uas ntseeg nws yuav tsis tuag tiamsis yuav tau txojsia mus ibtxhis.*” (Yauhas 3:16) Yexus hais ntxiv haistias, “But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so

that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God – *Tus uas nyiam ua zoo yeej los nyob hauv qhov kaj kom sawvdaws pom hais tias nws ua nws tes haujlwm raws li Vajtswv lub siab nyiam.*” (Yauhas 3:21) Nov yog peb yuav tsum cia peb lub neej teevtiam Vajtswv, yog tso ib puas tsav yam rau ntawm nws uas tus tswj peb lub neej. (Show Lang Yang- NJROTC)



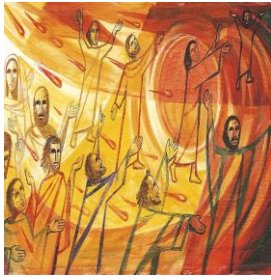
Thaum kuv kawm High School kuv nyob rau the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corpse (NJROTC). Kuv yog tus thawj saib xyuas tasnrho cov cadet nyob rau McDowell High School thiab ob lub Junior High (East & West) Kuv raug xaiv mus kawm nrog ib cov student tuaj thooob tebhaws Amelikas tuaj mus kawm Mini Officer Candidate School nyob rau pem Maryland nyob rau hauv lub United States Naval Academy. Nov yog lub tsev kawm ntawv no yog lub qhia cov nais tubrog. Thaum peb mus kawm ped, lawv qhia kom peb txawj “How to Sail – *Paub hom nkoj uas siv cua ntsawj.*” (Show sailboat)



Paub caij thiab coj lub nkoj ua siv ntaub los mus tig kom haum cov cua ntsawj kom yus lub nkoj mus kom ncaj thiab txog lub chaw uas yus yuav mus ntawd. Thaum kuv tsav lub nkoj no kuv pom tau haistias cov cua tuaj muaj zog zis los mus tshuab daim ntaub kom nws mus txog qhov uas yus yuav mus ntawd. Yus yeej tsis pom tej cua no li tiamsis yus zoo siab tias nws yuav coj mus txog qhov uas koj yuav mus ntawd. Tiamsis yog koj tsis ceefvaj cua cia li tuaj tej sab tuaj coj koj lub nkoj mus rau lwm qhovchaw uas koj twb tsis npaj mus. Yog li ntawd Yexus thiaj li “The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it

comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit - *Cua yuav ntsawj mus sab twg los yeej tau; koj hnov lub suab, tiamsis cua tuaj qhov twg tuaj lossis cua mus qhov twg koj yeej tsis paub. Txhuatus uas yug los ntawm Vajntsujplig zoo ib yam nkaus li ntawd.*” (Yauhas 3:8)

Nyob rau Vajluskub muaj ntaus qhov hais txog cua. (Show Acts 2:2)



Thaum Vajtswv tsim lub ntiaj teb no Chivkeeb, Vajtswv tus Ntsujplig “cua” mus mus los los saum dej ces nws cia li tsim tau txhua yam li nws dejsiab. (Chivkeeb 1) Thaum Vajtswv tsim Adaas, “... breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature – *tshuabpas rau hauv nws lub qhov ntswg ces nws txawm cia li ciaj sia.*” (Chivkeeb 2:7) Nyob rau Exekees 37:9-10, “Vajtswv tshuab pas rau cov pobtxha uas twb qhuav tag lawm rov muaj sia tuaj.” Yexus, thaum nws ua kevcai ntxuav Vajtswv tus Ntsujplig los rau ntawm nws, dhau ntawv nws mam li pib nws lub ministry. (Mathais 3:13-17) Thaum Petekos ntawm Tes Haujlwm 2:2

sau haistias, “...a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting ...*muaj ib nthwv cua los hlob hlob rau hauv lub tsev uas sawvdaws tabtom nyob ua ke.*”

- II. Yexus haistias txojkev uas yug dua tshiab tsis tas yuavtsum qhia kom paub los koj yuavtsum paub tias lub sijhawm twg thiab thaum twg yuav muaj li ntawd. Vajtswv tsim koj tibneeg muaj txojkev ntseeg thaum twg thiab lub sijhawm twg los nyob rau ntawm Vajtswv. (Show Holy Spirit)



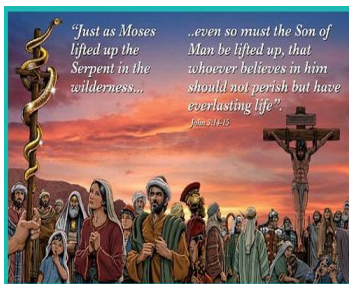
Thaum twg Txojmoozoo qhia tshwm, Vajtsujplig Dawbhuv ua Nws tes haujlwm uas yog tsim txojkev ntseeg rau tibneeg lub siab. Nov zoo nkaus li cua tuaj qhovtwg tuaj los peb yeej tsis paub li. Yog li ntawd thaum Yexus nrog Nikaudemaus tham txog txojkev yug dua tshiab, Nikaudemaus thiaj li tsis totaub thiab Nikaudemaus thiaj li nug Yeuxs haistias, “How can this be – Nov yog yuav ua tau li cas?” Yog peb tsis ua tib zoo mloog txog Vajtswv txojkev qhia peb yuav tsi totaub vim Vajtswv yog tus tsim peb thiab muab peb tig rov los rau ntawm Nws txojkev hlob lub sijhawm twg los yeej tau. (Show scale falling from eye)



Tej thaum kuv nrhiav Vajluskub los mus qhuabqhia. Kuv xav saib lub tswvyim twg npaum li cas los tsis tau li. Kuv yuavtsum tsum thiab so ibpliag vim txawm xav npaum li cas los xav tsis tau li lawm. Kuv mus ua lwmyam ces thaum kuv tseem tabtom ua yam ntawd, lub tswvyim cia li los kiag rau kuv lub hlwb kom kuv paub sau zaj lus qhuabqhia ntawd kom tiav. Nov zoo nkaus li daim nplaim uas npog kuv lub qhovmuag lawm cia li poob losyog tev kiag, ua rau kuv sau tau zajlus qhuabqhia. (Show band aid)



Nov zoo nkaus li ib daim ntaub nplaum uas coj los qhwh qhov tos thaum yus tej nqaij los ntshav, tiamsis cov “bandage – ntaub nplaum” ntawd yuavtsum muaj cov “hole - *qhov*” kom nws dim pas kom cua nkag kom tau rau yus cov nqaij thiaj li yuav hlav tau cov tshiab tuaj loos qhov uas tos lawm. Zoo li no peb twb tsis pom tias tej cua mus rau ntawm cov nqaij li cas. Peb cia li cia siab rau yam uas yus tsis pom ntawd yuav kho tau yus qhov mob ntawd kom zoo. (Show John 3:14-15)



Thaum Yexus qhia Nikaudemaus nws hais txog Mauxes, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, - *Mauxes tsa tus nab tooj rau saum tus ncej tom tiaj suabpuam li cas, luag yuav muab Tibeeg Leejtub dai ib yam li ntawd.*” (Yauhas 3:14) Thaum uas cov Yixalayees tsis mloog Vajtswv lus Vajtswv tso nab los tom lawv tuag coob leej ntaus tus. Tiamsis Vajtswv hais kom Mauxes muab tus nab tooj dai

rau saum tus ntoo thiab yog leejtwg raug nab tom thiab nws ntsia mus saib tus nab tooj ntawd ces nws tej mob yuav zoo. Tus nab tooj no yog los kho tibneeg los ntawm Vajtswv lub hwjchim. Nov zoo ib yam li Tswv Yexus Khetos raug ntsia rau saum tus ntoo khaublig. Nws los cawm peb txhuatus. Vim li cas Yexus thiaj li ua tau li ntawd? Peb txojkev ntseeg thiab txojkev cia siab rau ntawm Vajtswv lub hwjchim tias nws cawm peb thiab zam peb tej kev txhaum huv tibi lawm. Los ntawm peb tus kheej peb yeej ua tsis tau li no li. Tus uas yuav ua tau ces yog los ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos xwb. Qhov no yog yam khoom uas pub dawb paug ntawm Vajtswv los zoo li nthwv cua uas ntsawj rau peb, pub peb muaj lub neej tshiab zoo nkaus li peb “born again - yug dua tshiab” lawm.

II. Peb yog “born again - yug dua tshiab” thaum peb muab tagrho peb txojkev ntseeg thiab cia siab rau ntawm Vajtswv. **(Show trusting in Jesus)**



Peb “born again - yug dua tshiab” yog thaum peb qhib thiab zoo siab hlo txais tos Vajtswv tus Ntsujplig los rau hauv peb lub neej rau txhua lub sijhawm. Peb yog “born again - yug dua tshiab” yog peb ntseeg Tswv Yexus Khetos los ua peb tus Cawmseej uas yog tus pab peb dim ntawm txhuayam kev txhawj xeeb nyuajsiab. Peb yog “born again - yug dua tshiab” yog thaum twg peb tsis muaj txojkev ntshai tias cov cua yuav tuaj qhov twg tuaj, peb cia li zoo siab hlo los txais txoj koob hmoov ntawm Vajtswv vim twb cia siab rau Yexus Khetos lawm. **(Storm around a farm house)**



Muaj ib tus tubhluas tuaj mus nrhiav haujlwm pab ua liaj ua teb. Tus tswvteb nug haistias, “*Koj puas tau paub ua tes haujlwm no dua li?*” Tus tubluas no teb haistias, “*Kuv yeej tseem tsaug zog tau yog thaum twg cua ntsawj tuaj.*” Tus tswv teb xav mentsis thiab txiav txim siab yuav tus tubhluas no ua dejnum rau nws thaj teb. Tau ob peb hnuv tomqab nkawv tsim thaum ib tag mo los vim cua hlob heev los ntsawj thaj chaw uas lawv nyob ntawd. Tus tswvteb thiab nws tus pojniam nkawv sawv mus xyuas saib txhua yam puas tseem nyob khov kho. Nkawv pom tus tuabhluas no tsaug zog ntsiag tos, nkawv tig saib ibncig thiab pom tias txhua yam tsis muaj xwm dabtsi li. Tej qhovrais xauv khov kho, tej ciaj, tej tshab laij teb, tej tsiaj txhu los nyob zoo chaw tag. Tsis muaj ib yam dabtsi puamtsuaj li. Thaum tus tswv teb no xyuas tej no tag, nws thiaj li totaub tus tubhluas lolus haistias, “*Kuv yeej tseem tsaug zog tau yog thaum twg cua ntsawj tuaj.*” Vim haistias tus tubhluas no nws npaj txhuayam thaum lub hnuv tseem kaj, nws npaj txhuayam rau tej lub sijhawm cua daj cua dub yuav los raug lawv. Vim li no txawm muaj tej cua hlob los ntsawj lawv npaum li cas los nws tsis txhawj ib qho twg li. Nws thiaj li pws tsaug zog zoo kajsiaib lug. **(Show look to the cross)**



Tus pojniam uas pws ntawm lub tsev khomob tsis muaj qhov txhawj txog txojkev yug dua tshiab. Vim nws totaub los ntawm nws txojkev cia siab rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos tias txawm yuav muaj cua daj cua dub los raug nws los nws tsis txhawj tsis ntshai ib qho li. Vim Vajtswv txoj koobhmoov yeej pub npluas mias rau nws yav tag los thiab tseem niaj hnuv tsoimkwm nws rov rau yav tomntej. Peb ua neej nyob peb yuav ntsib kev teebmeem ntau tsav ntau yam. Thaum twg tej no los txog rau peb peb yua tsum saib ntsoov rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos, vim nws los theej peb txhuayam uas peb ua tsis tau. Txawm cua yuav tuaj qhov twg tuaj los raug peb lub neej txawm ntsib kev tau zoo los kev nyuajsiab, peb yeej tsis ntshai ib qho li. Cia peb saib ntsoov rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Peb twb tau txojkev kajsiaib los ntawm nws cov ntshav uas dawbhuv los ntxuav peb lub txim lawm. Txawm cua yuav tuaj qhov twg tuaj los peb tau kev kajsiaib rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Ameees. Thov kom Vajtswv txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiaib lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos lub npe. Peb txhua tus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuum peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees.