

## **TCE daily devotions DAY SIX (Thursday)**

*"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."*

(John 3:11–15)

Like Nicodemus (the guy in John 3), the world of the Spirit is sometimes beyond my comprehension. It challenges me. It forces me to question, to seek, to learn more. It challenged Nicodemus, too. Jesus turned the world upside down; he is asking us to look toward heaven instead of having our heads stuck in worldly thoughts.

Are there things that keep your mind stuck in THIS world rather than contemplating the spiritual world? What are they?

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Knowing and believing can walk side-by-side if I have faith. How can you imagine heavenly things if all you allow into your mind are earthly things?



Struggling with questions can be important in helping to strengthen and define faith. It's easy to get stuck, kind of like Nicodemus; he seems to want an answer from Jesus that can be wrapped up in a few words or actions. The known and the unknown things of life call me to look beyond my surroundings and myself. What are the questions that you struggle with?

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**PRAY:** Lord, as I journey toward Jerusalem with you, help me to stay with you through the challenges that lie ahead. Keep me looking heavenward instead of focusing on the little pebbles along the path. Open up my imagination. Amen.

