## TCE daily devotions DAY EIGHT (Saturday)

Literally, I can't imagine being born again. But **spiritu**ally, yes, I can imagine it. I was welcomed into the family of God when I was 9 years old and welcomed into a wonderful, loving church: College Street Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC. I will never forget that time and will always look back at



it as the start of my faith journey. The gift of faith that came from my biological

family and my church family continues to bless me and spur me on to be the best I can be.

Nicodemus is a literal thinker. He is focused on the flesh of birth, like a newborn baby coming into the world. But Jesus is speaking of being born from above—born to live a life in a new way, open to the Spirit in a new creation.

I have heard of people who, revisit their baptism every time they takes a shower. They think about the water flowing over their bodiy as a re-baptism to a new day, a new beginning. Being born again is awakening to the grace and knowledge of God's presence in her life. Each new day offers opportunities to begin life anew. How does God call you to new life? What do you think about the idea of being "re-baptized" each morning as you take a shower?

"Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit."

(John 3:4–6)

**PRAY:** Holy Spirit, wash over me. Fill my heart with a renewed sense to follow Jesus today and every day, for I yearn to live my life following God's way instead of my ways. Amen.

