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John 3: 1-17
Everybody Wins When Free Stuff is Actually Free

People all over the world try to convince others that things are actually free. As human beings, we are ever searching for free gifts. The text for today is an example of this as Nicodemus had a hard time believing that the gift of Jesus was free.

1. It's difficult to believe that God's gift to us is free

- If you are to receive the free gift of eternal life, you must be born again.
- Nicodemus was an important man in his community and people looked to him as an example of what to believe. When Jesus shared with Nicodemus the need to be born again, Nicodemus found it difficult to understand.
- New birth is not of the flesh but of the spirit. In order to understand it, we must move from head faith to heart faith.

2. It's difficult to believe that God's gift cannot be earned by our efforts

- We live in a culture where we believe we get what we deserve. But when it comes to God, we never get what we deserve. God so loved the world that he gave...
- There is nothing we can do to make God love us less or love us more.
- No matter how poor, sinful, ugly, shameful, or wretched we are; we still can receive the gift of salvation.
- Goodness, righteousness, and good works will not get us to heaven, only a belief in Jesus Christ will do it.

3. It's hard to believe the blessings of God's free gift is based solely on God.

- The free gift of God saves us from the penalty of sin, death, and the grave.
- We're all going to receive eternal life; the question is where? Heaven or hell.
- No matter what we say or think, God did it.

Therefore, when we put our trust in God, and the promise of everlasting life;
EVERYBODY WINS!!!