

Summary: Make Room for God to Move

In this sermon, Ed Windhausen discusses the concept of 'making room for God to move' by examining the story of Nicodemus in John 3. He uses the analogy of a cat trained to walk on its hind legs to illustrate that external changes do not alter one's inherent nature. The sermon emphasizes the necessity of being 'born again' through the Spirit to truly transform and align with God's will. Ed also highlights the struggle with sinful nature and the importance of relying on Jesus Christ for true change and salvation.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hearts and minds, ready to receive Your word. We ask that You guide our discussion and help us to understand the depth of Your love and the necessity of being born again through Your Spirit. May Your presence be felt among us, and may we be receptive to the changes You wish to make in our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

What is one thing you enjoy doing in your free time that others might not know about?

Key Verses

1. John 3:1-15
2. Romans 7:18-24
3. 2 Corinthians 5:17
4. Revelation 21:5

Questions

1. What stood out to you the most in today's sermon?
2. How do you interpret the analogy of the cat and the mice about our sinful nature?
3. What does being 'born again' mean to you personally?
4. Why do you think Nicodemus struggled to understand Jesus' message about being born again?
5. How can we make room for God to move in our lives?
6. What are some 'mice' in your life that reveal your true nature?
7. How can we rely on Jesus to overcome our sinful nature?
8. What steps can we take this week to focus more on our spiritual rebirth rather than external changes?

Life Application

This week, identify one area where you need to make room for God to move. Take a practical step towards surrendering that area to Him, whether through prayer, reading scripture, or seeking accountability from a fellow believer.

Key Takeaways

1. External changes do not alter our inherent sinful nature.
2. True transformation comes from being born again through the Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ is the only one who can free us from our sinful nature.

4. Making room for God involves surrendering our efforts and relying on His power.
5. Our spiritual rebirth gives us a new identity and purpose in Christ.

Ending Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the insights and revelations shared today. As we go forth, help us to remember that true change comes from You and not from our efforts. Guide us in making room for You to move in and transform us from the inside out. May we rely on Your strength and grace to overcome our sinful nature and live as new creations in Christ. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.