

There is one question that most parents can answer very quickly about their children no matter how long it has been since their birth...how much they weighed at birth. I would imagine Anna Haining Bates was one of those as well. She holds the record for the largest known birth weight for her baby boy who was born at 23 pounds-nine ounces and nearly 30 inches tall! It may have helped that Anna and her husband were both eight feet tall, but still that was a big baby boy.

Jesus used the concept of birth with a Pharisee named Nicodemus to explain to him how someone can truly know God. Nicodemus was a religious leader who did not know God. When you think of the term religious leader you usually assume they have a personal relationship with God. In this case, Nicodemus had a wonderful relationship with religion, but it stopped there. In John 3 we have a record of this conversation. In verse 3 Jesus answers him by saying "no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Nicodemus only had more questions after that response..." How can a man be born again when he is old?" Jesus' statement and Nicodemus' question are at the heart of the Gospel.

Have you been born again? The following link is to a video done by Billy Graham shortly before his death that answers this very question. I hope you will spend some time today watching this powerful message. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZOL7V2LpSw>