John 3:16 and Hidden Truths

(John 3:14-16, Num. 21:6-9)

Intro.

Response of Parents But (Num. 21:4-5)

Retribution/Judgment (Num. 21:6)

Repentance (Num. 21:7)

Remarkable Comparisons (Num: 21:7-9)

a. Person
b. Serpent
c. Poison
d. Curse
e. Lifted
f. Hill
g. Sinners
h. Faith
i. Remedy
j. Salvation
k. Expectancy
l. Repentance

Rest of Faith (Heb. 11:6, 12:2)

Responses/Applications

1, Sin began with a look (Gen 3:6) but we are delivered by a look of faith at Christ. Remember to give thanks for your salvation frequently. That should motivate us to share our faith more.

2. Hopefully, you have been encouraged to follow the rabbit trails in Scripture in the power of the Holy Spirit. You will find out more about our great and awesome God. For instance, the five smooth stones of David before going out to fight Goliath. (see wlseaver.com under sermons).

3. We need to be especially alert to things, methods, or people that God has used in the past to deliver us. They quickly and silently become our plan B, which can become idolatrous and lead us away from faith in Christ.

4. Those who live by faith are committed to a life of repentance. Repentance is a reflex of faith. Looking at Christ means turning away from all other alleged means of salvation (law, works, lineage, etc.) that don't save. We are constantly bitten by sin and feeling the painful effects of our failure. But we can daily take those sins and leave them at the cross

5. The rest of faith is a continual part of the journey. See Heb. 11:6, 12: 1-2, and Job 22:21. "Yield now and be at peace with Him" (NASB) or "Now acquaint yourself with Him and be at peace (NKJV)."