



# Guardians of Faith

*Over Coming Fear to Calm Our Spirit*



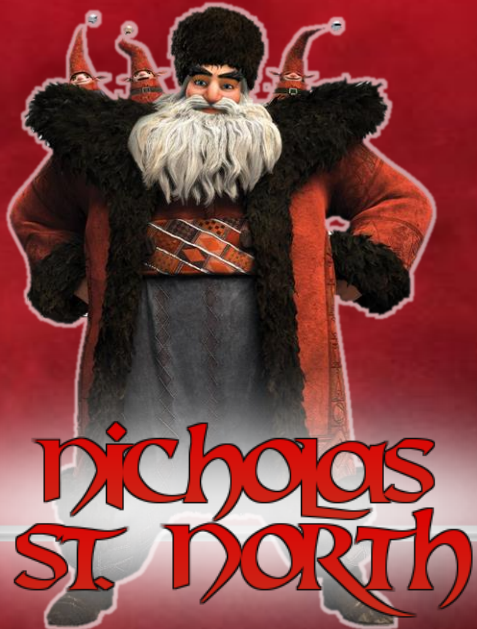
A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a tiny, red, cartoonish doll. The doll has large, bright blue eyes and a small, smiling mouth. The hand is positioned in the center of the frame, with fingers gently cupping the doll. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a patterned fabric or wall. The word "Wonder" is overlaid in a stylized, pink, cursive font with a black outline, centered across the lower half of the image.

Wonder

# Wonder

**A feeling of surprise mingled with admiration, caused by something beautiful, unexpected, unfamiliar, or inexplicable.**

**Desire or be curious to know something**



# Wonder

Surprise

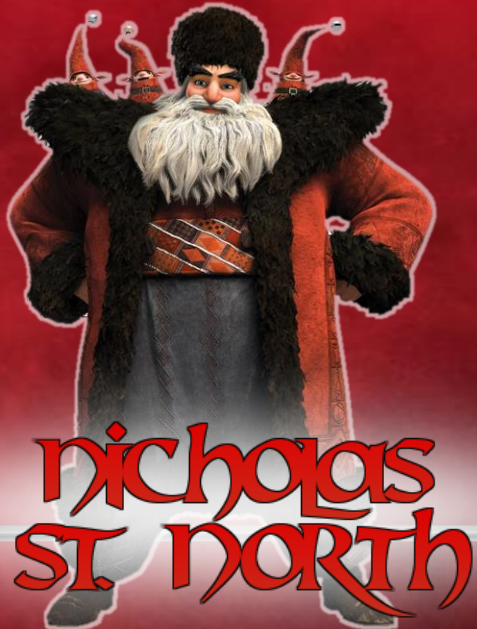
Admiration

Beautiful

Unexpected

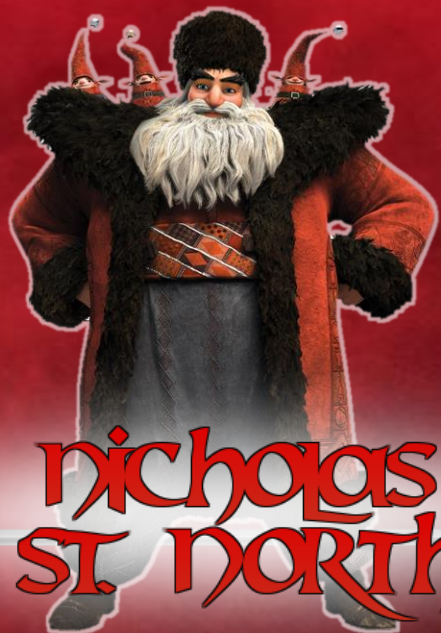
Unfamiliar

Inexplicable



Nicholas  
St. North

# Absence of Wonder

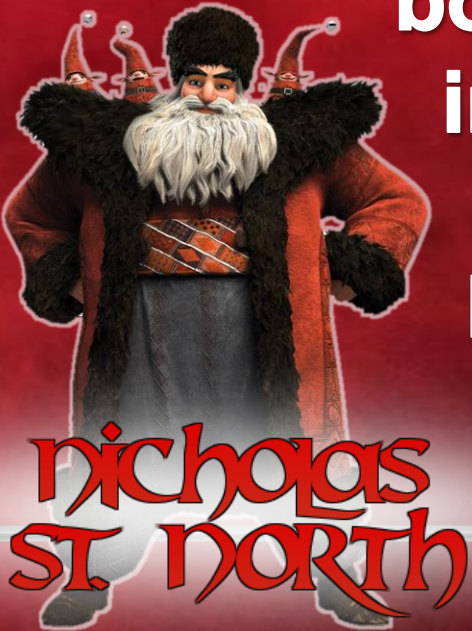


Nicholas  
ST. NORTH

**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

**How precious to me are your thoughts, God!  
How vast is the sum of them!**

**Psalm 139:13-17**

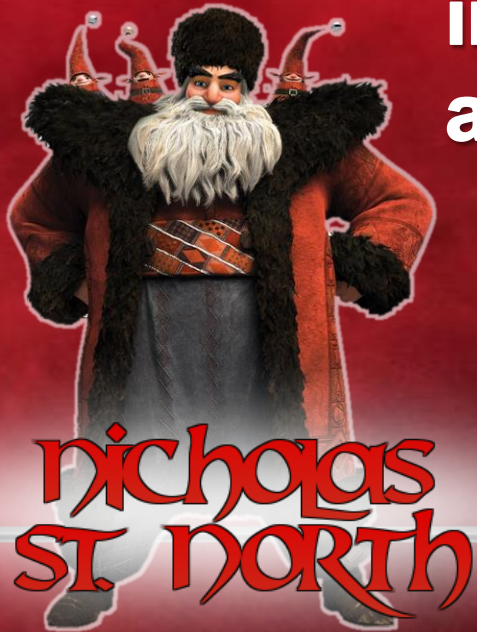


**Nicholas  
ST NORTH**

**For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore, God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual**

**impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator— who is forever praised.**

**Romans 1:21-25**



**nicholas  
ST NORTH**



# Analytical Result

The quest for knowledge is not a bad thing

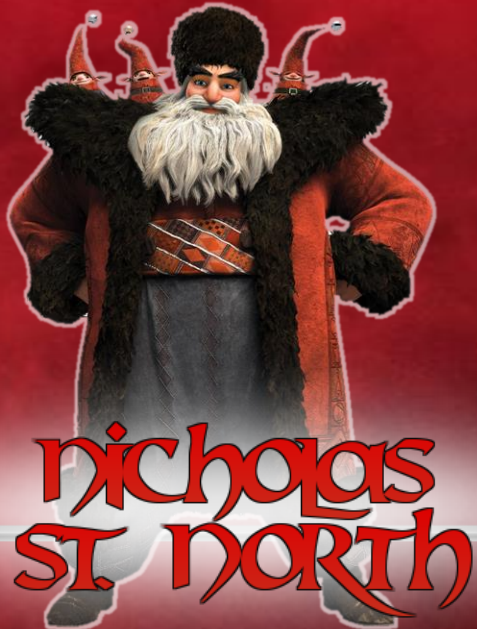


Nicholas  
ST. NORTH

# Analytical Result

The quest for knowledge is not a bad thing

That is until what we think we know  
replaces our ability to know God



# Analytical Result

The quest for knowledge is not a bad thing

That is until what we think we know  
replaces our ability to know God

Don't you always find it interesting the  
forbidden tree was the tree of  
knowledge of good and evil



**Nicholas  
ST NORTH**

# Analytical Result

The quest for knowledge is not a bad thing

That is until what we think we know  
replaces our ability to know God

Don't you always find it interesting the  
forbidden tree was the tree of  
knowledge of good and evil

And once it was eaten of humanity avoided  
God and sought to explain things.



# Conquering Fear by Restoring Wonder



Nicholas  
ST. NORTH

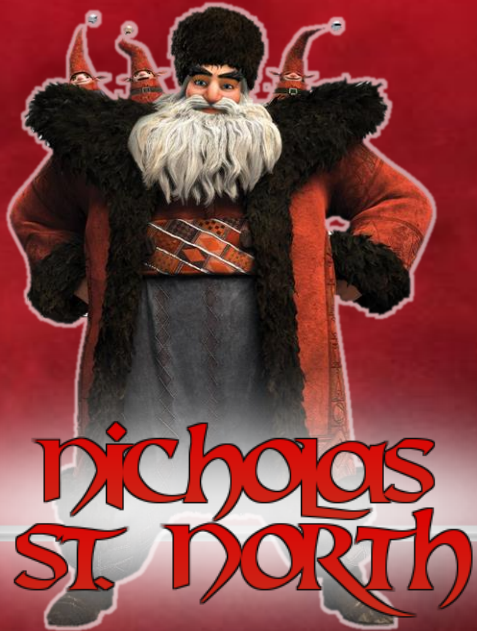
Wonder



# Intimidating

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

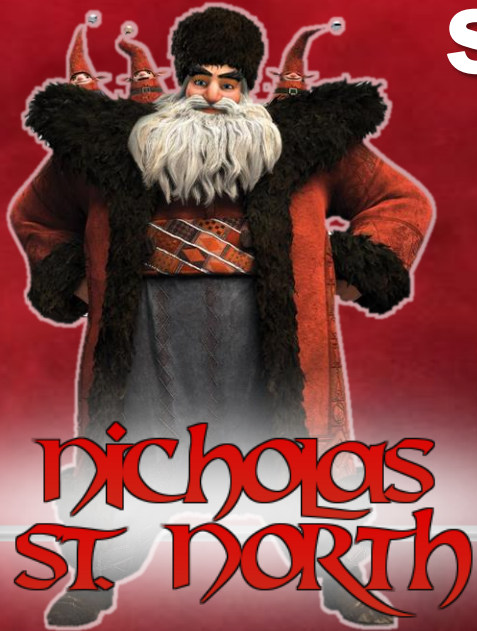
Proverbs 9:10



# Jolly

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hebrews 13:16

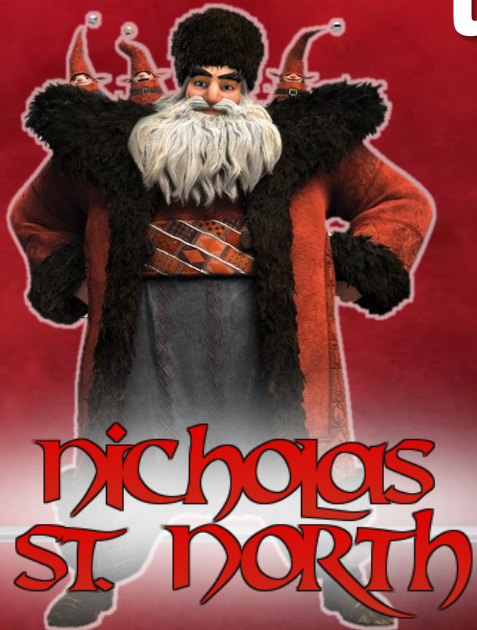




# Mysterious

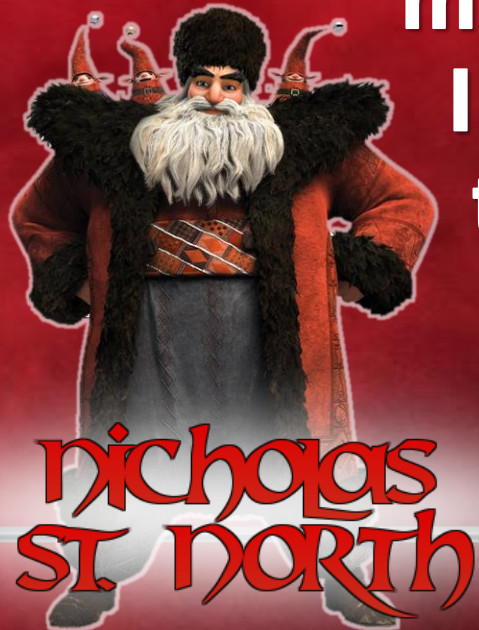
“Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?”

Job 11:7



# Mysterious

Then Job replied to the Lord: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.”



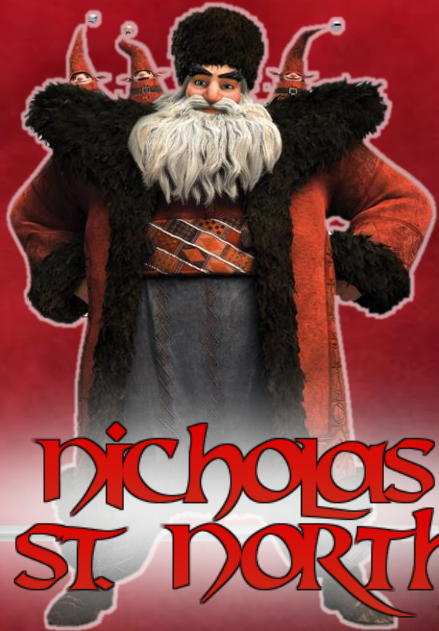
**nicholas  
ST NORTH**

**Job 42:1-3**



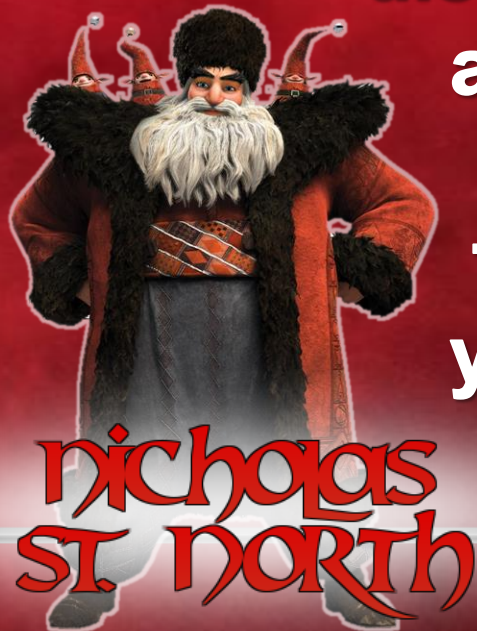
# Note

God did not give  
up on Job



# Fearless

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.



Isaiah 41:10-12

# Protector & Provider



# Caring

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



# Jesus

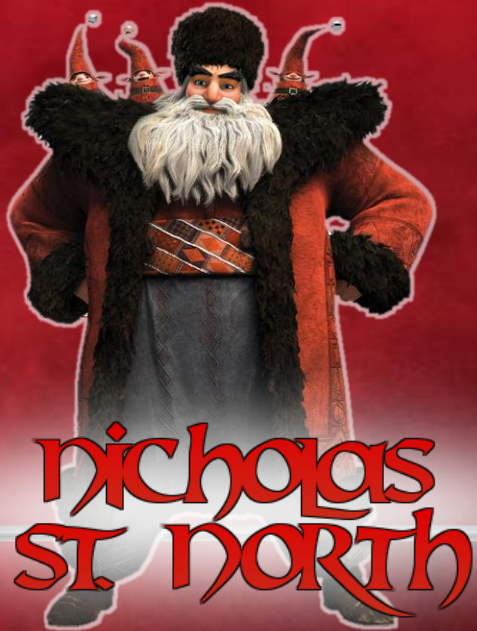


nicholas  
ST. NORTH



# Jesus

You learn that he loves you

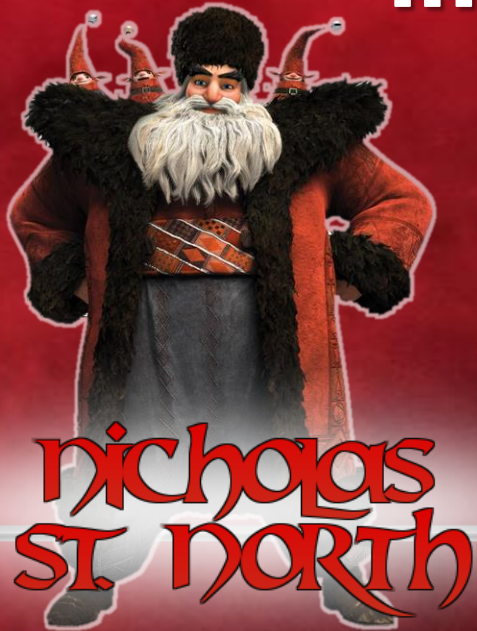




# Jesus

You learn that he loves you

He loves you so much he gave his  
life for you

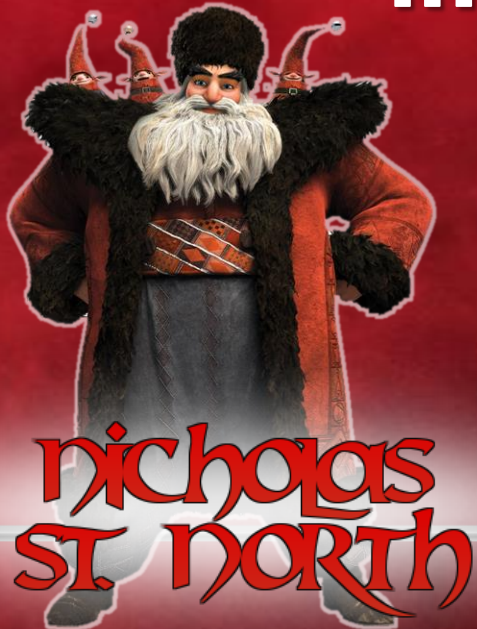


# Jesus

You learn that he loves you

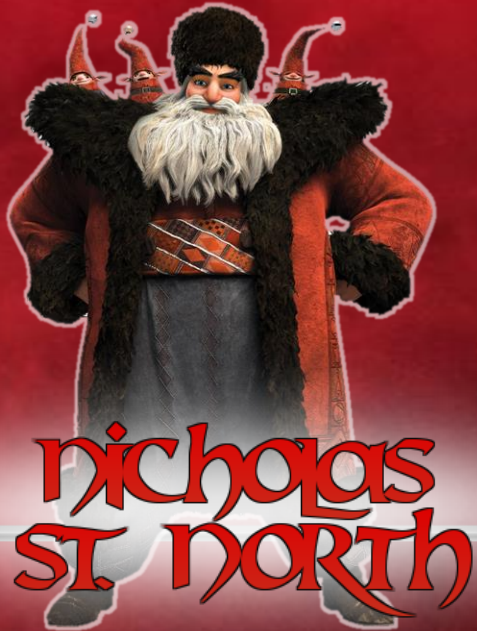
He loves you so much he gave his  
life for you

He did it so you can live in  
an open relationship with  
Him



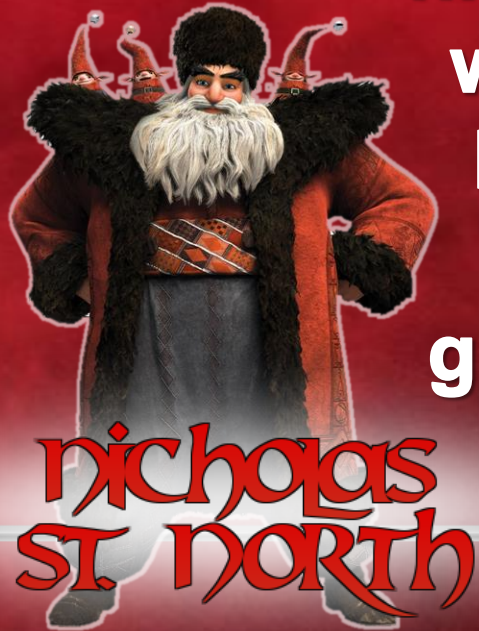
# Jesus

How can God give so  
much and more  
importantly forgive  
so much?



# The Center

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.



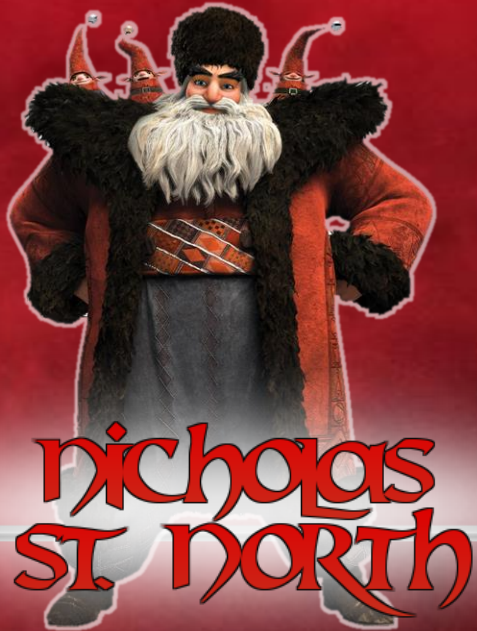
nicholas  
ST NORTH

1 Timothy 1:15-17



# The Center

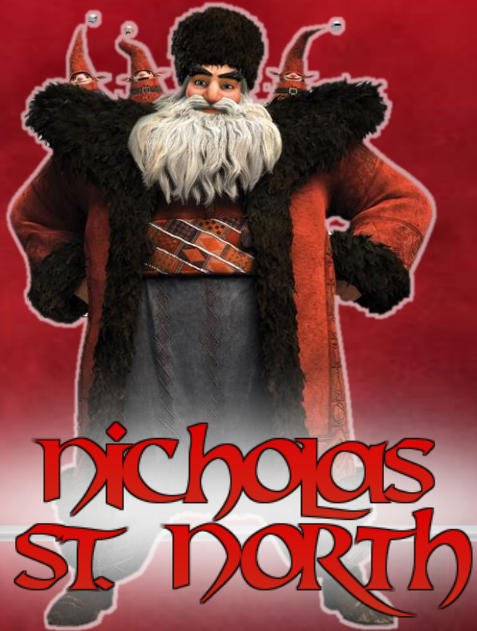
He Came as a Baby



# The Center

He Came as a Baby

For the Sole Purpose of Offering Mercy

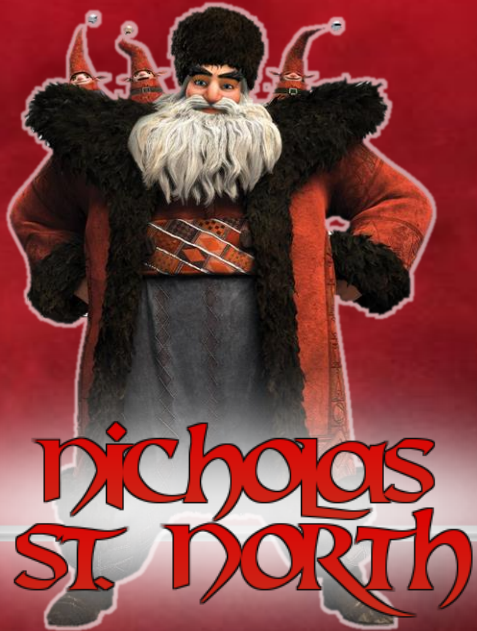


# The Center

He Came as a Baby

For the Sole Purpose of Offering Mercy

He is Patient



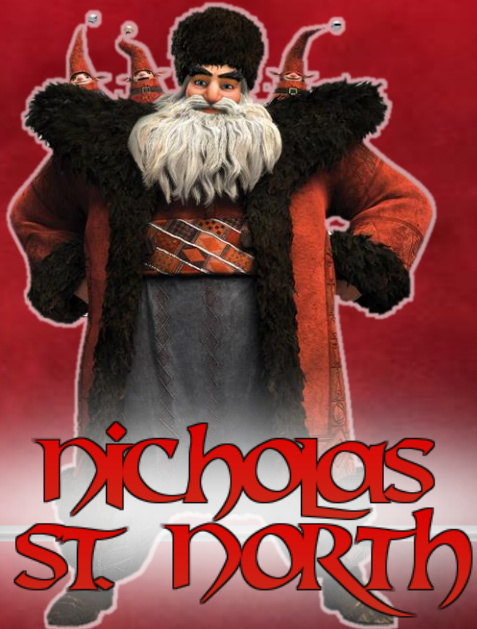
# The Center

He Came as a Baby

For the Sole Purpose of Offering Mercy

He is Patient

He Offers Life





# The Center

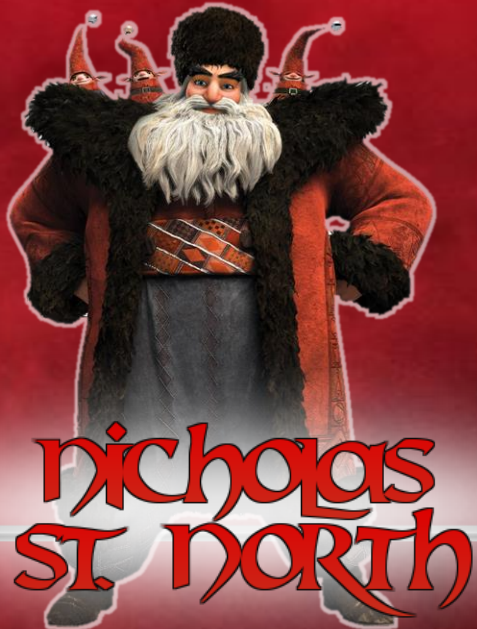
He Came as a Baby

For the Sole Purpose of Offering Mercy

He is Patient

He Offers Life

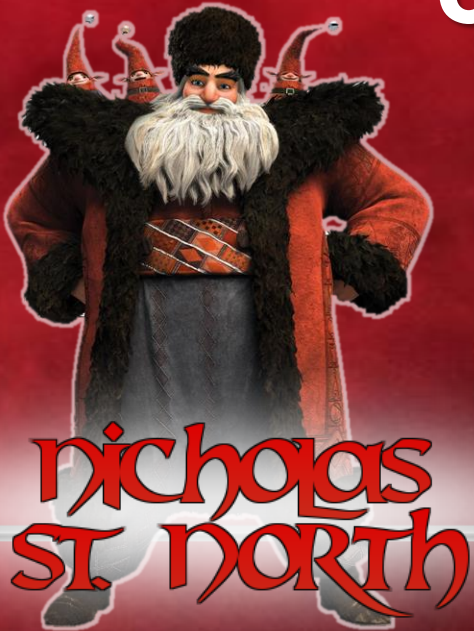
God of Wonder!



# The Center

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16



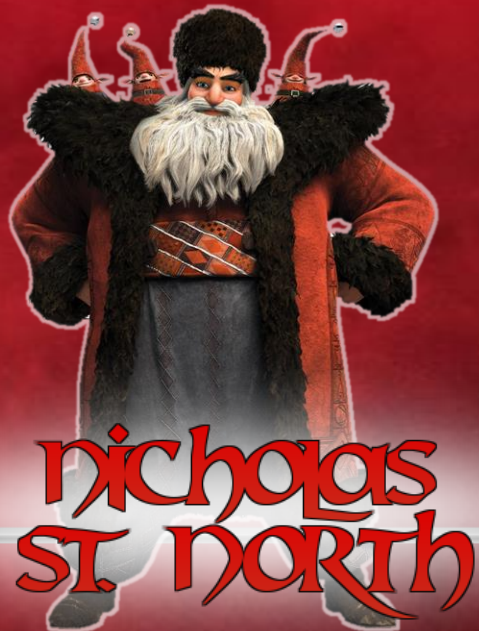
# Grace & Mercy



nicholas  
ST. NORTH

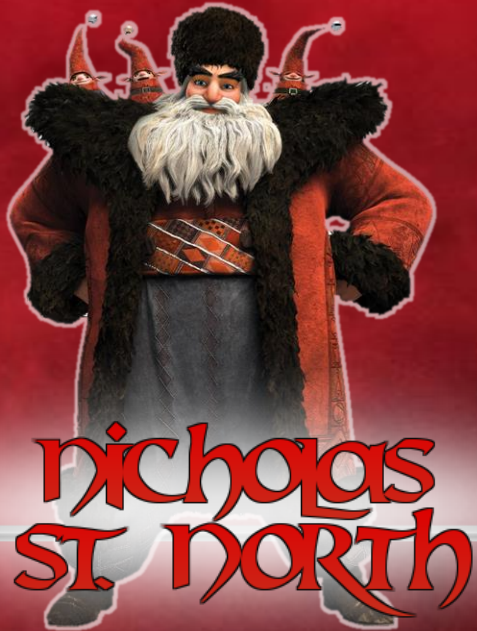


# No Fear



# Confidence

We are in this together



# Wonder



Have you found God's center  
and made it yours?