



NIC AT NIGHT

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“Now there was a man of the **Pharisees** named **Nicodemus**, a member of the **Jewish ruling council**. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” John 3:1,2

“There was a man named Nicodemus...”

- He was a _____

Never more than 6,000. Took vow to keep 10 commandments for life.

- He was a member of the _____

70 men who ran religious affairs of the nation

- He was _____ teacher of Israel (verse 10)

Nicodemus was at the top: Religiously, morally, politically, socially

Do not let your _____ keep you from your _____

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY TO A SINCERE SEEKER?

1. It's not about _____; it's about _____

“In reply Jesus declared, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.’ ‘How can a man be born when he is old?’ Nicodemus asked. ‘Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.’ John 3:3-6

2. It's not about _____; it's about the _____

“You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” John 3:7-8

3. It's not about _____; it's about _____

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” John 3:14-15 (See Numbers 21:4-9)

“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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” John 3:16,17

Have I _____?