

A script from



“Nicodemus”

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- What** He was a Pharisee, but one that wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. Watch as Nicodemus retells the conversation with Christ that helped him focus on how less really could be more.
Themes: Rules, Born again, Lent, Womb, Truth, Belief, Salvation, Legalism, Works, Pharisee
- Who** Nicodemus
- When** After Nicodemus encounter with Jesus
- Wear (Props)** Modern clothing, cardigan sweater with a buttoned-up collared shirt underneath.
- Why** John 3:1-21
- How** Nicodemus is reserved and intentional with his words. Keep the dialogue conversational and be careful not to overact. While delivering the dialogue, give yourself time to process what you are saying.
- Time** Approximately 4 minutes

Nicodemus is sitting in a chair or on a stool. His legs are crossed and his hands are neatly in his lap.

613. I had 613 rules to keep. Think about that. Do you really understand how many that is? And I knew them all. And I kept them. Mostly.

So now I'm sitting across from Jesus, and he says, "Nicodemus, it's not about the rules." I'm paraphrasing him, but that's basically what he said *(laughs)*.

You have to see it from my perspective. I mean the day before, I'm seeing this guy turn the temple upside down, the place, mind you, that I spent my whole life trying to preserve. So you could understand why I wanted to go have a talk with him.

In a secluded place.

At night.

I mean, how would you feel if someone says ...someone that you trusted...if they tell you that what you've devoted your entire life to, that it misses the point entirely?

(Beat) You're a fool. That's exactly how it makes you feel.

So I said to him, "ONLY one law feels too good to be true."

Because it did.

All I had to do was believe that he was the Messiah. That he was the one that had been promised? He just glossed over it like it was such a simple thing. Then he starts talking about light and dark and evil deeds and truth and I'm thinking, can we please go back to where you took this really complicated thing and made it not complicated?

You see, my life was in all those details. *(Beat)* Actually no. My religion was in the details. In the complications of the law. In making sure every "t" was crossed and every...well, because that's what I thought would save me...613 laws. I was wrong.

It was love that would save me. For God so loved.