

•1Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” 3Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” John 3:1-8

•Nicodemus belonged to the highest governing body of the Jewish people, the Sanhedrin. Jewish leaders- bound by tradition and legalism.

By Night- Under cover. Couldn't be caught talking with Jesus.

•Nicodemus came to Jesus in the night of his life.

•The light of the world was there and Nicodemus was still walking around in the dark...

*•Pharisees are the group that will try Jesus and put Him to death. But Nic starts feeling a separation. A calling out of the life he has aspired to. He is now in it but not of it! He said, "I'm starting to think that God is about to do a new thing. I'm starting to think that the miracles didn't stop in the Old Testament. I've been seeing you do some stuff that has awakened my faith and stirred my mind and shaken my understanding. I can't rest. Can't sleep. **Can't stay home!***

***Have you ever had God stir you up?** Jesus is offering something to Nicodemus that he has never seen before. Could it be?...*

• **Nicodemus** is a religious devout person whose ideas about God are being shaken and he says, "I think you're a Rabbi sent from God" And Jesus looks at him and say "**That's it. You must be born again**".
"Excuse me, Jesus. What are you talking about"?

• **You've found truth. And that will lead to freedom!**

• **As long as you don't know any better, you can't do any better.**

• **You're starting to understand on another level and you can't think UP here and live DOWN here.**

☑ **"That which is of the earth is earthly, that which is of the spirit is spiritual."**

• You now have too much in you to stay where you were. **You can't go back to DEFAULT!**

☑ **It's My DEFAULT! What is a default option?**

• choices we make everyday, often without realizing it.

• I can change settings. But if I don't change the default it will always go back!

• So when your setting changes- **Church**. But then you're back to DEFAULT.

• I thought I made SO much progress. But then something happens and I'm right back to where I started.

• **You're not back to where you started. You're back to default!**

• **I can't pray you past your default.**

• **Default settings**

• /Hurt settings/fear settings/Married Default to single/**Default to childlike settings.**(Consumes your life so you don't have to deal with responsibilities.Take out another credit card)/**Trauma settings**

☑ **Well, I went to the altar-***An emotional response does not equate change. Tears are NO indication of change. People can work up tears...*

• **Your default hasn't changed!- Changing the clothes doesn't change the man. Outward doesn't alter what is within. New habits don't make a new soul. If one would see the kingdom, he must be born again.**

☑ **You've got to deal with DEFAULTS.**

• You're changing your default setting today!!!

• ***Once there's a new default, can't change back to who I used to be.***

• I might mess up. I might fail. I might miss the mark. But I've got a new default!!!

• *The question is not, have you had a religious experience, or have you had an experience, but have you been born again?*