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**December 18th, 2022**

**Source text: John 3:1-5**

**What in my life tends to influence me most?**

**A – Friends B – Family C – God**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came to Jesus by night for fear of his friends.

Jesus said unless someone is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enter the kingdom of God. (Jn 3:5)

Nicodemus defended Jesus to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when he said, “Does our \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a man without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ giving him a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what he does?” (Jn 7:51)

By the time of Jesus’ death we see a great change in the life and faith of Nicodemus. Can the same be said of us?

***AM I WILLING TO LET GOD HAVE GREATER INFLUENCE IN MY LIFE?***

List a few things Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were willing to risk because of their love for Jesus:

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**People should see a change in us when we try to live like Jesus did!**

**Closing Thought:**

**If anyone has the world's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sees his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, yet closes his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him, how does God's \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in him? Little children, let us not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in word or talk but in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**(1 John 3:17 & 18)**