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NICODEMUS: THE FACE OF COURAGE
(John 3:1-4)

**I. GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEED: CHRIST CAN DO THE “IMPOSSIBLE”
IN YOUR LIFE.**

1. Everyone has fears: Coming to Jesus with them is the first step to overcoming them.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13) NKJV

2. “Born again” is not just an “intellectual belief” in Jesus. It is a radical transformation you allow Christ to make in your life.

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. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ (John 3:5-7) NIV

II. GREAT CHANGE GUARANTEED: CHRIST WILL REPLACE YOUR FEAR AND WEAKNESS WITH HIS JOY!

Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why didn’t you bring him in?” “No one ever spoke the way this man does,” the guards declared. “You mean he has deceived you also?” the Pharisees retorted. “Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, “Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?” (John 7:45-51) NIV

1. Nicodemus grew in courage because he kept listening to Jesus.

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” (John 7:37-38) NIV

2. You must listen to Jesus weekly – and daily.

Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:5-6,11) NIV

III. GREAT VICTORY GUARANTEED: CHRIST CAN DEFEAT YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGES.

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:38-42) NIV

1. Nicodemus means "conqueror" or "victor."

2. God guarantees that in Christ, you can be victorious over all fears and temptations.

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.. (1 John 4:18a) NIV