Sermon Review March 17, 2024 "Will The Real Nicodemus Stand Up?"

John 3:1-2

All of us wrestle with two images in our lives. One is the public or external image which everyone sees. The other is the private or internal image that not as many people get to view. Most if not all of us conceal a significant part of our internal, because our internal image is indeed on the inside of us, and we don't want too much of it to be seen thereby our vulnerabilities are exposed for those who may want to attempt prey on us. Our vulnerabilities can be construed as weaknesses and few if any want to be viewed as weak. Our external is seen by everyone and as we dress ourselves for the world each day. We get to determine just how much the world will get to see on any given day. On the outside many times, we are masquerading, and for the most part no one really knows the internal confusion, anxieties, and frustrations we may be experiencing. Such was the case of the Jewish Pharisee, Priest, and member of the Sanhedrin ruling council. With all that notoriety and success on the outside for everyone to see, apparently Nicodemus struggled on the inside with the presence of Jesus. Perhaps we all struggle with life and the commitment to Christ that we should make. Eventually we all will have to take a stand and confess. The real you and I will have to stand a stand. The bible says that every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Nicodemus went by night to meet Jesus and concluded that Jesus surely was a man from God. In broad open daylight now, we too must confess and commit our lives to Christ. Take a stand for Christ and be blessed.

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