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ACRES



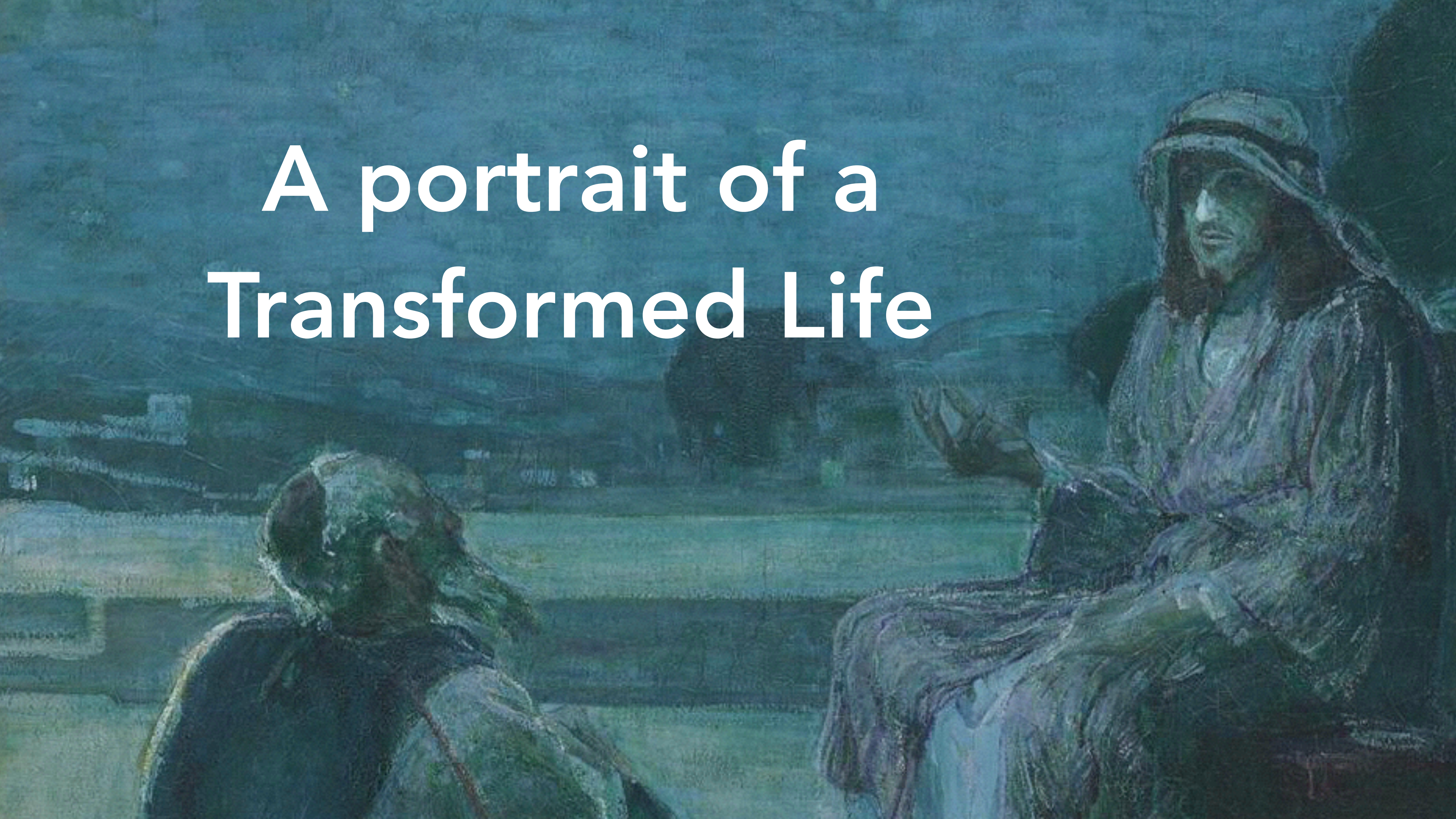
Nic(odemus) at Night



John 3:1-21



A portrait of a Transformed Life



Transformation requires
that we —

1. Open our Hearts

John 3:1-2

Luke 24:32

**“They asked each other,
'Were not our hearts burning
within us while He talked with
us on the road and opened
the Scriptures to us?'"**

Revelation 3:20

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

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that we —

1. Open our Hearts
~ Responding to conviction.

Transformation requires
that we —

2. Open our Minds

John 3:3-15



Transformation requires
that we —

2. Open our Minds
to Spiritual Truth!

Transformation requires
that we —

3. Open our Mouths

John 7:37-52

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3. Open our Mouths

~ There comes a time when
you have to speak out

Matthew 12:34

**“For the mouth speaks what
the heart is full of.”**

Romans 10:9-10

**“If you declare with your mouth,
'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved. For it is with
your heart that you believe and are
justified, and it is with your mouth that
you profess your faith and are saved.”**

Matthew 12:34

“I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God.

But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.

And when you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.”

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4. Open our Hands

John 19:38-42

“It is no accident that His death has the effect of moving Joseph and Nicodemus to abandon their secret discipleship as they unite boldly to identify with Jesus and share together in work in His service. In other words, right there at the cross the nucleus of the new community is already forming, and the mission of the church under the leadership of the risen Jesus is already foreshadowed.”

Bruce Milne

The Bible Speaks Today Commentary

“As the death of Jesus drove Nicodemus and Joseph into open identification with Him, so He calls His people, on the basis of His death for them, to receive the gift of His powerful Spirit and be His bold and unashamed witnesses in the world.”

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**Lastly, I want to note that if
Nicodemus HADN'T opened his
heart, and opened his mouth,
we wouldn't have one of the
most compelling passages in all
of Holy Scripture!**

John 3:16-21

