

Do You Want to Be Healed? (John 5:1-15)

Experience God's Power – Part 3
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Matthew 13:58 (NIV) And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Matthew 20:32 (NIV) Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

1. _____ change from God

John 5:1-3 (NIV) Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

1A. _____ give up

John 5:5 (NIV) One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

1B. _____ do you want?

John 5:6 (NIV) When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

2. Jesus is the only _____

John 5:7 (NIV) "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

2A. Jesus' command brings _____

John 5:8 (NIV) Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

2B. Follow Jesus' direction in _____

John 5:9 (NIV) At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

3. What happens after a _____ ?

John 5:10-11 (NIV) and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

3A. There will be _____

John 5:12-13 (NIV) So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?" The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

3B. Don't _____ your miracle

John 5:14-15 (NIV) Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Study John 5 to better understand God's miracle-working power.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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Study Guide

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Intro. Why were their times in Israel's history in which God's power was not evident (Deuteronomy 28:58-61, 1 Samuel 3:1, Psalm 74:9)?

Why were there times when Jesus did not do many miracles (Matthew 13:58, Mark 6:5-6)?

What is required on our part to experience God's power (1 Corinthians 14:1)?

Why did Jesus ask the two blind men what they wanted Him to do for them (Matthew 20:29-34)?

How is desire for change a necessary condition for faith?

- 1A. There were many disabled people at the Bethesda pool. Why do you think that Jesus only healed one (John 5:1-3)?
- 1B. How does Jesus' healing of a man who had been an invalid for 38 years give hope for people with long-term issues in their lives (John 5:5)?
- 1C. Why did Jesus ask the disabled man whether he wanted to get well (John 5:6)?
- 1D. What types of conditions do people tend to accept, rather than seeking God for change?

- 1E. How could you encourage someone to seek God for change in their life?
- 2A. What was wrong with the disabled man's focus on being healed in the pool (John 5:7)?
- 2B. What does Jesus' method of healing without the pool waters tell you about the pool (John 5:8)?
- 2C. What action demonstrated the man's faith (John 5:9)?
- 2D. Do you think Jesus knew that His instructions on the Sabbath would cause an issue for the man?
- 2E. What other solutions for their problems do people today look for other than Jesus?
- 3A. Why do you think the Jewish leaders had so many non-biblical rules (John 5:10-11)? Was this right or wrong?
- 3B. Why is there often persecution after a miracle happens (John 5:12-13)?
- 3C. What does Jesus' warning to the healed man tell us about the relationship between sin and sickness (John 5:14-15, John 9:1-3)?
- 3D. How can Satan cause a person to lose their miracle?
- 3E. What change are you looking for God to accomplish in your life?