



THE QUESTION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

John 5:1-15



THE POOL OF BETHESDA

JOHN 5:1-5



HOUSE OF MERCY

A place of misery



JOHN 5:3



THE ATMOSPHERE

FALSE HOPE: You had to be fast to get fixed-a cruel irony for the paralyzed.

JOHN 5:5

One man.
Thirty-eight
years... a
lifetime.





THE 38-YEAR HABIT:

When a condition becomes a lifestyle



WAITING FOR A MIRACLE

That depends on your own speed



THE COMPETITIVE POOL

If someone else has to lose for you to win, it's not Gospel grace.



THE SIGHT OF THE SAVIOR



THE DIVINE INITIATIVE

Jesus approaches us even when we stop looking for Him.



JOHN 5:6-7

Do you want to
get whole?



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MEANS CHANGE.



**THE
VICTIM'S
ANSWER**
WAS AN EXCUSE



FOCUS NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED

WE MISS THE HEALER BECAUSE WE ARE LOOKING AT THE POOL.



**WE BLAME GOD
WHEN OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT MET**

GOD HAS SOMETHING BETTER



THREE COMMANDS

JOHN 5:8-9



RISE.

The internal decision to believe God over your feelings



TAKE UP YOUR BED.

Remove the safety net



WALK.

The immediate, public demonstration of an internal change

AN INSTANTANEOUS MIRACLE

Immediate
strength to carry
the very thing
that had carried
him for nearly 4
decades





THE SABBATH CONFLICT

John 5:10-13



OBEDIENCE AND LEGALISM

Does it please people or does it please God?



THE UNKOWN SAVOUR

Grace often moves in our lives before we have our theology sorted out



JESUS FOLLOWS UP

John 5:14-15

Of ourselves we are no more capable of living a holy life than was the impotent man capable of walking. Many who realize their helplessness and long for spiritual life are vainly striving to obtain it. The Saviour is bending over these desponding, struggling ones, saying, “Wilt thou be made whole?”

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SOMETHING WORSE

Healed legs
shouldn't walk
away from the
Healer



WHAT IS YOUR INFIRMITY?

Jesus is the “House of
Mercy” in person.



DO YOU WANT TO ME MADE WHOLE TODAY?

Jesus didn't come to stir the waters; He came to stir the soul.

Do not wait to feel whole. Believe His word, and put your will on the side of Christ. In acting on His word you will receive strength. Whatever may be the evil which binds both soul and body, Christ is able to deliver. He will impart life to the soul “dead in trespasses.” Ephesians 2:1.

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