

John 5:1 Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days.

John 5:2 Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches.

John 5:3 Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.

John 5:5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.

John 5:6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

John 5:7 “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

John 5:8 Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”

John 5:9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath,

John 5:10 so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”

John 5:11 But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

John 5:12 “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded.

John 5:13 The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd.

John 5:14 But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.”

John 5:15 Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

REVIEW

“HE LIVED EVERY DAY LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHOSE LIFE WOULD BE CHANGED BY CONNECTING WITH HIM”

THE TERM TRANSACTIONAL COMES TO MIND.

1. JESUS WAS ALWAYS AWARE OF WHO WAS ON HIS PATH!

BELIEVERS CANNOT LIVE FOR THEMSELVES

John 12:24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.

John 12:25 Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

BELIEVERS CANNOT DETERMINE SUCCESS BY MATERIALISM

Matthew 6:33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

POWER IS IN THE TOUCH

LUKE 8:45 “WHO TOUCHED ME?”

2. JESUS PLANNED HIS SCHEDULE AROUND THE PLAN OF GOD!

MY TIME IS NOT MY OWN

Psalms 139:15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.

:16 You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

WHEREVER I AM AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME IS PLANNED

John 4:6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime.

EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE IS PREGNANT WITH PURPOSE!

3. JESUS LOVED THE SAMARITAN WOMAN TO LIFE

LOVE BEGINS WITH GOD NOT PEOPLE

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. :8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love :9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

JESUS FOUND A WAY INTO THE SAMARITAN WOMAN'S HEART

BE AWARE OF PAIN POINTS

John 4:16 "Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

EVERY PERSON YOU MEET WHO DOESN'T HAVE A VIBRANT
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS THIRSTY

John 7:37 On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! :38 Anyone who believes

in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'":39 (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)

INTRODUCTION

The Hebrew word Beth hesda means "house of mercy" or "house of grace." In Hebrew and Aramaic it could also mean "shame" or "disgrace." The Gospel of John describes the pools as having five porticoes. The pool has an extreme depth of 13 meters. The site was discovered in 1888 by K. May 14, 2014

THIS MAN, SOMEONE'S DAD- SPENT 38 YEARS IN DESPAIR LIVING AMONG THE BLIND, LAME AND PARALYZED. HIS LIFE REPRESENTS A GENERATION OF PEOPLE WHO CANNOT SEE, WALK CORRECTLY OR WALK AT ALL.

TODAY, THERE ARE SO MANY BELIEVERS AT BETHESDA THAT THE HOUSE OF MERCY HAS BECOME THEIR HOUSE OF SHAME.

JESUS ENGAGES THE MAN AT HIS POINT OF PAIN AND TEACHES US TO DO THE SAME!

1. JESUS IS INTERESTED IN YOUR PAIN AND PURPOSE

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PURPOSE - TO BE WHOLE

PAIN - I AM ALL ALONE WITH NO HELP

2. JESUS IS ALWAYS THE SOLUTION TO YOUR PAIN

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REMOVAL OF THE "MIDDLE MAN"

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.

ARRIVAL OF THE GOD MAN

John 10:9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures.:10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.

3. JESUS' DIRECTIONS ARE NOT COMPLICATED

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STAND UP - HE DID NOT STAND ON HIS OWN POWER, THE WORD HEALED HIM

**PICK UP YOUR BED- HE USED THE NEW FOUND POWER TO CARRY
WHAT WAS CARRYING HIM**

**WALK - HE BEGAN TO DO WHAT YOU NORMALLY DO WHEN
HEALTHY**

B.L.E.S.S

BEGIN BY PRAYING

LISTEN TO THEM

EAT A MEAL WITH THEM

SERVE THEM

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH THEM