



Series: Miracles of Jesus

Sermon: Part 2: Do You Want To Get Well?

Date: Sunday, July 13th, 2025

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 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... and they waited for the moving of the waters. From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 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?" (John 5:1-6)

"Do you want to get well?"

"Do you want to _____ well?"

We have a responsibility to _____ towards our own healing, whether it be physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and even relationally.

"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." (John 5:7)

"A multitude of needy people were there, yet none of them looked to Jesus. A blindness had come over these people at the pool; there they were, and there was Christ, Who could heal them, but not a single one of them sought Him. Their eyes were fixed on the water, expecting it to be troubled; they were so taken up with their own chosen way that the True Way was neglected." (Pastor Charles Spurgeon)

Putting our hope, joy, and contentment in these things, only leads us to _____ and despair.

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders 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.'" 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. (John 5:8-13)

The religious leaders were so legalistic that they were more _____ about their interpretation of the Jewish Law than they were with this man being miraculously healed after suffering for 38 years.



Later Jesus found him [the man who had been healed] at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” (John 5:14)

While God cares about our physical wellbeing, He is clear that our _____ wellbeing and healing is most important.

Jesus’ words extend mercy but also demands holiness. Jesus was, is, and will continue to always be the perfect balance of grace and truth.

1. Who or what are you looking to for hope today? Who or what are you looking to in order to save you?

Functionally, on a day to day basis, who or what are you looking to in order to ultimately give you hope?

When we put our hope in anything other than Jesus, the finish line will never end and we will constantly be searching for more, keeping us in continual bondage.

2. If Jesus’ invitation is for us to be well, what are we doing to cultivate and contribute to that?

In the Aramaic language, Bethesda (the pool where this man was healed) translates to “House of _____.”

3. What miracles are you currently experiencing even in the midst of your waiting?

Bottom Line: *“Do you want to become well?”*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Who or what are you looking to for hope today? Who or what are you looking to in order to save you?*
- 2. If Jesus’ invitation is for us to be well, what are we doing to cultivate and contribute to that?*
- 3. What miracles are you currently experiencing even in the midst of your waiting?*

Songs used in service: Believe For It (CeCe Winans), Trust In God (Elevation Worship), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm), Same God (Elevation Worship), Build My Life (Pat Barrett)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?