

## Poolside Grace

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JOHN 5:1-17

### Using This Study

#### ① EXAMINE His Word

##### (Observation)

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matter, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ② EXPLORE His Word

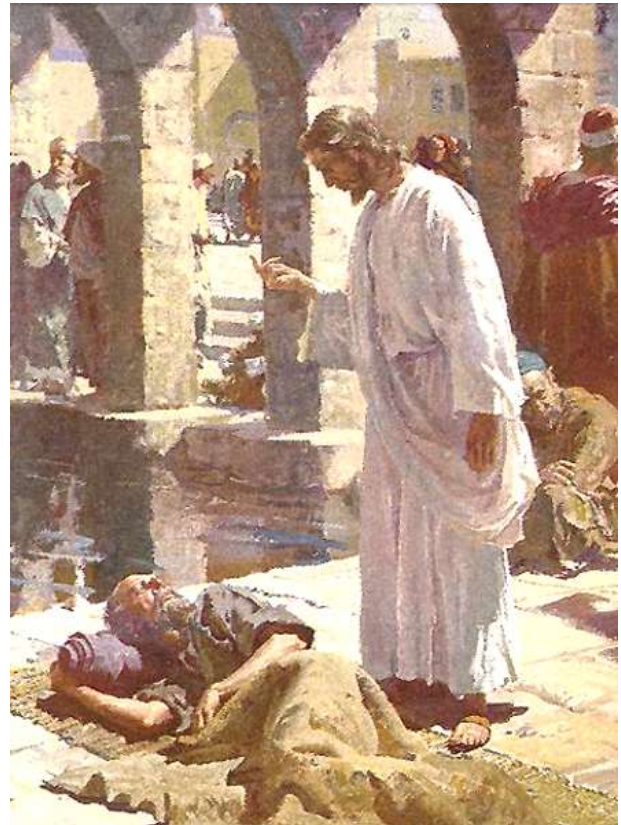
##### (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ③ EMBRACE His Word

##### (Application)

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience. How will it change your life?



This week we will take a look at the second major miracle recorded in the book of John. Jesus heals a man that has been sick and lying beside the pool at Bethesda for 38 years. Jesus' grace flows freely and He displays His love for people. We will see how we can have confidence in Jesus because He is in control of all things and at the same time He has an overwhelming love for us displaying His grace and mercy.

## ● EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read John 5:1-17 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

<sup>3</sup> In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters;

<sup>4</sup> for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]

<sup>5</sup> A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

<sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying *there*, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

<sup>7</sup> The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk."

<sup>9</sup> Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began* to walk.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day. <sup>10</sup> So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

<sup>11</sup> But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'"

<sup>12</sup> They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up *your pallet* and walk'?"

<sup>13</sup> But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place.

<sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

<sup>15</sup> The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

<sup>17</sup> But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and Metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)**

**What does God MEAN?**

1. Why was Jesus willing to heal on the Sabbath?
2. Why did Jesus tell the man to carry his pallet on the Sabbath?
3. What did Jesus reveal about Himself by healing the man?
4. In verse 14 Jesus tells the man not to sin any more so that nothing worse happens. Is Jesus saying that sin causes bad things to happen to us?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)**

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

5. How should we approach the Sabbath in our lives?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. How does knowledge that Jesus can heal change the way we view sickness?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. When Jesus told the man to pick up his pallet and walk on the Sabbath, he was showing the man grace. Showing grace was more important than keeping the Pharisees version of the Sabbath. How can we make sure we are showing grace to people and not the Pharisees' law? When is this a challenge?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

**SERMON NOTES**