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Choose In
John 5:1-14
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

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

❷ EXPLORE His Word

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

❸ EMBRACE His Word

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



This week we will be studying John 5:1-14, where Jesus meets a sick man at the pool of Bethesda. He has been in patient search for the healing of his illness. Infirm for years, this man seems to be on the verge of giving up and succumbing to his circumstances. But Jesus comes in and makes a shift that can change his life, but he has to make a choice and choose in. Join us today as we study the power of Jesus to shift our focus, our faith, and the beautiful reward that comes with choosing in to a life that follows after Christ.



“Loving God, loving people, making fully
devoted followers of Christ”

The Healing at Bethesda

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

2 Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep *Gate*, there is a pool which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porticoes. **3** In these *porticoes* lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, limping, *or* paralyzed. **5** Now a man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. **6** Jesus, upon seeing this man lying *there* and knowing that he had already been *in that condition* for a long time, said to him, "Do you want to get well?" **7** 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." **8** Jesus *said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." **9** Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began* to walk.

Now it was a Sabbath on that day. **10** So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is a Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet." **11** But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'" **12** They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick *it* up and walk'?" **13** 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. **14** 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."

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details from this passage.

Make 10 of your own observations from this passage. Avoid jumping to make interpretive decisions or drawing applications. Save those for the sections that follow. At this point just observe this passage and what it says. Look for things that are emphasized, repeated, and what stands out to you. Look at the verbs, what actions are in the text? Who is involved in the text? There is no right or wrong answer, just list 10 things you see in the text.

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🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

1) Who was at the pool if Bethesda?

2) What 2 things were they waiting on?

3) How long was the sick man there?

4) When Jesus asked if he wanted to get well, the man didn't say yes. What did his response reveal about his heart?

5) Did this man have any hope that Jesus could heal him? How can we tell?

6) How can we identify the change Jesus made in this man's heart?

7) Why did Jesus do this? What was His purpose (verses 14-15)

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

8) What can distract us from seeking Jesus as our source of peace, comfort, and healing?

9) What is your source? Where do you go to find peace, comfort, or healing?

10) What can you do this week to make that shift and look to Christ for what you need?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

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

Sermon Notes