

## Gospel of John Chapter 5: Good News For *Change!*

August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

-Pastor Dan

- **“It’s Never Too Late For Me”, 38 year old former *Changed* paralytic.**

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> 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.<sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an **invalid** for thirty-eight years.<sup>6</sup> 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

**Key Q:** Do You Want to get Well?

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,<sup>10</sup> 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.”  
John 5:9b-10

**Key Q:** Are You Open For God To Answer Your Prayer Unexpected way?

<sup>11</sup> But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”<sup>12</sup> So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”<sup>13</sup> The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”<sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.  
John 5:11-15

- **Watching For “God-At-Work” Moments In Your Life.**

<sup>16</sup> So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.<sup>17</sup> In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”

John 5:16-17

**Key Q:** Are You Watching For God’s Work?

<sup>18</sup> For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.<sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; **he can do only what he sees his Father doing**, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”  
John 5:18-19

- **...From UnBelief To Belief? Yes, Based on 4 Elements:**

**1) Testimony from Other Respected Person.**

<sup>33</sup> You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth. John 5:31-35

**2) Testimony From Heavenly Father.**

<sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form,  
John 5:36-38

**3) Testimony From The Bible.**

<sup>39</sup> You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,<sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me to have life.  
John 5:39-41

**4) Belief in Jesus’ Words.**

<sup>47</sup> But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”  
John 5:42-47

<sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered.<sup>22</sup> “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”<sup>23</sup> “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”<sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”  
Mark 9:21-24