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Welcome to Faith Students! We are learning form the Book of John. 1 of 4 gospels. This book was written by John to help people understand 1 main thing... <u>JESUS IS GOD!</u> Jesus is not just a good guy, a good teacher, etc. <u>JESUS IS GOD!</u>

Tonight we are looking at John 5:1-15 on page 133 of your Streetlights Bible

Story of a time that you were sick and how when you are sick it feels like you will never get better.

• I would tell the story of the worst food poisoning I've ever had.

TENSION // All of us are sick and in need of healing!

Many times we read the stories of Jesus healing others and we think that it
has nothing to do with us because we are not blind, paralyzed, a lepper, etc.
But the reality is we are all broken and need a healer!

Supporting Scriptures...

• Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- 1 John 1:8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- James 1:15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
- Romans 6:13 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Romans 5:8 God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Mark 2:17

"Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."

WE ALL HAVE SINNED. SIN LEADS TO DEATH. OUR BROKENESS COMES

FROM SIN. JESUS HAS COME TO HEAL YOU!!

MAIN POINT // JESUS IS HEALING

MAIN SCRIPTURE // John 5:1-9 NLT (Page 133)

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. 2 Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. 3 Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. 5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" 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." 8 Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" 9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking!

<u>KEY 1 //</u> <u>HEALING IS FOUND IN THE SAVIOR!</u> NOT IN A SYSTEM & NOT IN A SUBSTANCE.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE // Review Verse 2

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

BRIDGE THAT LEADS TO NOWHERE

- Azuza, CA 1936 San Gabriel Mtns
- A bridge that was being built was stopped from being completed.
- It is now a bridge between 2 mountains that literally leads nowhere
- TRANSITION STATEMENT: This man was on a bridge to nowhere!

TENSION // Why is it that we constantly find ourselves stuck in places, relationships, & situations... traveling roads that in the aren't going to take us where we need to go... receiving what we need...

SYSTEMS ARE EASILY BUILT AND EASILY BROKEN.
OUR SAVIOR IS A FIRM FOUNDATION THAT WE CAN DEPEND ON!

HIS SYSTEM:

- THE MAN WAS PUTTING HIS HOPE IN A RELIGIOUS TRADITIONAL SYSTEM TO HEAL HIM. YET NEVER RECEIVED WHAT WAS NEEDED.

OUR SYSTEMS:

- Government. Popularity. Relationships. Social media. Money. Education. Etc.

HIS SUBSTANCE:

- The water. He was desperate to believe that this water would heal him.

OUR SUBSTANCES:

- Drugs. Alcohol. Pornography. Food. Coffee. Sex. Etc.
- They may make you feel good for a moment but they don't heal you.

KEY 2 //

SYSTEMS AND SUBSTANCES ARE BUILT TO ENSLAVE YOU, BUT THE SAVIOR HAS COME TO SET YOU FREE!

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE // Review vs 5-9

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

-The man was stuck in one place for 38 years. He couldn't physically move from his spot. He couldn't mentally move on from the identity of a broken man. He couldn't spiritually move on from putting his hope in a religious system instead of God. HE WAS STUCK.

6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" 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."

 Many times we don't receive the healing that we nee because we are too busy blaming other people, having a victim mentality, insult mentality, or we have given up hope all together.

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ILLUSTRATION // CHOSEN CLIP



"It has nothing for you... and you know it... but you're still here...why?"

TO GET SOMETHING YOU'VE NEVER HAD YOU HAVE TO BE WILLING TO DO SOMETHING YOU'VE NEVER DONE.

JESUS WANTED THIS MAN TO STOP FOCUSING ON HIS EXCUSES, STOP IDENTIFYING HIMSELF W/ HIS PAIN, AND TAKE HIS FAITH OFF THE SUBSTANCE AND SYSTEMS AND PLACE HIS FAITH IN JESUS.

BAND COME UP! ALTAR WORKERS COME FORWARD

SO, DO YOU WANT THE HEALING YOU'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR?

- IN NEED OF THE ULTIMATE HEALING IN JESUS... SALVATION PRAYER
- IN NEED OF PHYSICAL HEALING...

John 5:14-15, "14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well."

LEAVE THIS PLACE AND LIVE LIKE SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN HEALED!