



Vision Weekend

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Old stories produce new vision.

John 5:1-15

¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² 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. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him,

The Question:

“Do you want to get well?”

The Explanation:

⁷ “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.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him,

The Command:

“Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The Confrontation:

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ 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.” ¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” ¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” ¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again.

The Call:

Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The timeless questions of Jesus:

Do you want to be healthy?

Do you want to be sent?

Do you want to forever change?

The Vision of Jesus for a Broken Man:

Healthy - Sent - Moving

The vision of CTK is the same as that of Jesus:

Healthy - Sending - Movement

Small Group Questions

- 1) What is the dumbest question you have ever heard?
- 2) What is your opinion about the question that Jesus asked in John 5?
What do you believe was his point?
- 3) What is “spiritual health”? How do you know if you are spiritually healthy?
- 4) What objections or excuses do you find yourself stating to avoid growing spiritually?
- 5) Is it really possible to “stop sinning”? Why does Jesus demand that of His followers?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?