

“Encounters With Jesus”
“Week 4: Where Can I Find Help?”
Faith Bible Church
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John 5:1-17 (*New American Standard*)

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. **3** In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters; **4** 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.] **5** And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness. **6** 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?" **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, "Arise, take up your pallet, and walk." **9** And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day. **10** Therefore the Jews were saying to him who was cured, "It is the 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, 'Take up your pallet and walk.'" **12** They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" **13** But he 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 may befall you." **15** The man went

away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. **16** And for this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. **17** But He answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working."

LIFE LESSONS FROM TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

- I.** Even in the midst of a _____, Jesus sees your _____ need.

- II.** Just as He asked the man by the pool, He asks you in your situation of distress: "Do you _____ to be made _____?"

- III.** All too often, we seek help from _____ sources.

- IV.** Remember that with a word Jesus can _____ a _____ of suffering.

- V.** Sometimes Jesus comes to us when we cannot even _____ to _____ to Him.