**Believing in Jesus: The Healing at the Pool of Bethsaida**

Sermon Notes

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**John 5:1-18**

Waters are often considered to have healing powers.

Jesus is in Jerusalem for a festival; He goes to the Pool of Bethsaida.

Jesus goes to places of need; we are to go to places of need.

What about the last of verse 3 and all of verse 4?

Jesus goes to the man who has been sick for 38 years.

Jesus approaches the man – He still seeks us out today.

Jesus asks, “Do you want to be made well?”

 He responds as a person who has been frustrated for 38 years

 It is easy to pass judgement on the man

 After 38 years he may have grown hopeless and cynical

There are people in the world who have been waiting a long time and are a little short on hope.

Through getting involved in people’s lives, through helping people see new possibility, through proclaiming the grace and love Jesus, we are to take hope to the world.

Think about the question again – Do you want to be made well? Do you want your situation to change?

 It is easy to get comfortable where we are

 It is easy to give up hope

 Change often means we have to do things differently

 We are tempted to choose easy and familiar over challenge and change

Jesus responds with His grace.

Jesus empowers us to do what He tells us to do.

It is the Sabbath Day; the man gets in trouble for carrying his bed; rules and tradition had become more important than people and relationships.

The man who healed me told me to carry my bed.

 He was trying to pass the buck

 He changed my life, and I will do what He says

The man did not know who healed him; Jesus healed the man even over and above the man’s faith or lack of faith.

Jesus just helped him – we are to help others.

Jesus finds the man in the temple and gives him a warning.

We are called to meet physical and spiritual needs.

The healed man goes back to the religious officials.

 To blame Jesus

 To prove his innocence

 To tell them about Jesus

Jesus is persecuted for healing on the Sabbath.

**Jesus helps a man in a desperate situation**

**He offers grace, love and hope**

**Do you need His life changing power and grace today?**