

DAILY MEDITATIONS

July 21/22, 2018

Memory Verse *Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.* **Psalm 103: 2-4** (NIV)

Monday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Review the sermon outline. Which part of the sermon spoke to you?

What part of the sermon challenged you?

What change do you need to make in your life as a result of hearing the sermon?

Tuesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 5:1-5.

Where did Jesus go in verse 1? Why?

Describe where Jesus went once he was in Jerusalem (vs. 2-3).

How does verse 5 describe one of the men lying by the pool?

Have you been praying /waiting a long time for God's healing touch on your life? Explain.

Why is it difficult for us to wait (especially for healing)? What purpose could God have in making us wait?

Wednesday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse

Read John 5:6-7.

What is the first thing Jesus does in verse 6?

How does knowing Jesus sees you bring you comfort?

What question does Jesus ask the man?

Why would he ask this question?

How does the man respond to Jesus' question?

How does this response show that although Jesus saw the man, the man didn't see (or perceive) who Jesus was?

When it comes to healing, do you struggle with putting your hope in what is tangible instead of seeking Jesus? Explain.

Thursday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse

Read John 5:8-11.

What command did Jesus give the man? What did the man do?

Although the man struggled for 38 years, how long did it take for Jesus to heal him?

How does this encourage you in your present circumstances?

What upset the Jews?

Friday – Begin the day in prayer; meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 5:12-16.

What did the Jews want to know?

What interesting fact does verse 13 give us?

Where did Jesus find the man? What did he say to him?

What did the man go and do after he learned Jesus' identity?

What happened as a result (v. 16)?