

that you would believe

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SERMON NOTES

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JESUS HEALS A MAN AT A POOL!

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JOHN 5:1-15 (NLT)

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. ²Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. ³Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. ⁵One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. ⁶When 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.” ⁸Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” ⁹Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, ¹⁰so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!” ¹¹But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” ¹²“Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded. ¹³The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. ¹⁴But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

3 Truths that we find not only in this story but throughout the Word of God.

TRUTH #1 – GOD KNOWS WHAT’S GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE!

VERSE 6

“When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time...”

PSALM 147:5 (NCV)

Our Lord is great and very powerful. There is no limit to what he knows.

3 Things That God Knows Everything About

I. The first thing God knows everything about is...Creation!

GENESIS 1:31 (NLT)

“...God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!”

II. The second thing God knows everything about is...History!

PROVERBS 15:3 (NKJV)

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

III. The third thing that God knows everything about is...You.

PSALM 139:13-16 (NLT)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.¹⁴ Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it!¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

PROVERBS 5:21 (NCV)

“The LORD sees everything you do, and he watches where you go.”

TRUTH #2 – ALWAYS DO WHATEVER GOD TELLS YOU TO DO!

VERSE 8

Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

TRUTH #3 – EXPECT TO BE CRITICIZED FOR DOING WHAT GOD TELLS YOU TO DO!

VERSES 9-10

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2 TIMOTHY 3:12 (NCV)

“Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

MATTHEW 5:10-12 (NIV)

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

ADDITIONAL NOTES
