

LIFE APP

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John 5:1-9 NIV: After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, **“Do you want to be made well?”** 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.”** Jesus said to him, **“Rise, take up your bed and walk.”** And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

As we continue to look at the specific miraculous signs that John described in his gospel, we see more and more valid proof that Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be. Only God could transform water into wine or heal a boy from 20 miles away by simply saying that it was so. This week, the scene moves to Jerusalem where John described the miraculous healing of a man who had been dealing with an infirmity for thirty eight years.

- 1A) According to John 5:1-2, where did the 3rd miraculous sign take place? Describe the location and any other pertinent information that is revealed.

- 1B) According to verse 3-4, what was especially significant about this particular place? (Look at different translations - do you notice anything unusual)?

- 2A) Look at verse 5 in different translations as well. Describe the problem, who was involved, and for how long this situation had existed.

- 2B) According to verse 6, what are we told that gives additional proof of who Jesus is?

- 2C) PERSONAL: What do you find interesting about the question Jesus asked?

3A) How did the man respond to the question Jesus asked? Verse 7

3B) PERSONAL: Consider situations in your life that you wish were different:

Have you continued to pray or have you been tempted to give up?

Have you surrounded yourself with people who have the same problem?

What solutions do you think God might have provided but you didn't receive them or respond to them?

4A) PERSONAL: What are some excuses that you have given for not making changes that you should have made?

4B) What are some present day situations in which people may have become comfortable in their misery and don't really want help?

5A) Describe the miracle according to verses 8-9.

5B) PERSONAL: Some translations say "at once" while others say "immediately." How are you encouraged by these words?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17:

6A) How could this miraculous sign apply symbolically to this verse?

6B) PERSONAL: How do you think this miraculous healing illustrates the truth of John 14:6?

ACT: In the third miraculous sign, we see more proof that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus knew all about the man before He ever stopped to talk to him. Even though the man was not looking to Jesus for healing, but had placed his faith in the waters of the pool, he was willing to receive the gift Jesus offered him. Jesus gave him 3 specific commands - "rise, take up your mat, and walk" and the man had enough faith to do exactly what Jesus told him to do. We need to ask ourselves, "do we have enough faith to do what Jesus says even though we may not understand why or how it could make a difference in our life?" Only Jesus can instantly transform our lives from lost to found, from blind to having sight, from sin sick to abundant life. All we have to do is receive His gift.

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's explore passages that describe faith and why we must believe in Jesus.

Monday:

Matthew 6:30 NLT

And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

Tuesday:

Matthew 9:22 NLT

Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, **“Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well.”** And the woman was healed at that moment.

Wednesday:

Matthew 17:19-20 NLT

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn't we drive it out?” He replied, **“Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”**

Thursday:

Mark 11:22-24 NLT

Then Jesus said to the disciples, **“Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours.”**

Friday:

Romans 1:17 NLT

This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

Saturday:

Romans 3:27-30 NLT

Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law. After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is. There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

Sunday:

1 Corinthians 16:13 NLT

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.

