

Believe

John 5:1-4 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.]

1. The lame man – _____ John 5:5-9

Romans 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

- _____ **by his circumstances**
 - Is it possible this man's struggle had become his comfort zone?
 - Comfort Zone: predictable, routine, restrictive, fights change.
 - God is in the _____.

- **Looking for _____ in the wrong place**
John 5:7

2 Corinthians 10:5 *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

- _____ **Jesus for healing**
John 5:8-9

2. The Religious Leaders – Rule keepers who _____ Mark 7:6-8

- **Enslaved by their _____**
John 5:9-13 **Now** it was the Sabbath on that day. 10 So the Jews were saying to the man 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, 'Pick up your pallet and walk.'" 12 They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up *your pallet* and walk?'" 13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place.
- **Blinded to _____**

John 5:15-16

- 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

3. Jesus – _____ of the Sabbath and wants to be Lord of your life

John 5:8-9

- **Willing and able** _____
John 5:6 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?”
- **Claim of** _____
John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 5:17-18

Which of the characters in this story do you relate to?

- Lame man – How long will you stay by the pool when the Savior is waiting to heal you?
- Religious Leaders – God is working in your midst. Will you embrace Him?
- Jesus – Have you fully surrendered to Christ and allow Him to be the center of your life?