

First Baptist Church of Progress Village
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Title: From Almost To Full
Scripture: John 5:1-15

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John 5:1-15 After this, a Jewish festival took place, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 By the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Hebrew, which has five colonnades.

3 Within these lay a large number of the sick—blind, lame, and paralyzed [—waiting for the moving of the water,

4 because an angel would go down into the pool from time to time and stir up the water. Then the first one who got in after the water was stirred up recovered from whatever ailment he had].

5 One man was there who had been sick for 38 years.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew he had already been there a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to get well?”

7 “Sir,” the sick man answered, “I don’t have a man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I’m coming, someone goes down ahead of me.”

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

9 Instantly the man got well, picked up his mat, and started to walk. Now that day was the Sabbath,

10 so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “This is the Sabbath! It’s illegal for you to pick up your mat.”

11 He replied, “The man who made me well told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

12 “Who is this man who told you, ‘Pick up your mat and walk’?” they asked.

13 But the man who was cured did not know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

14 After this, Jesus found him in the temple complex and said to him, “See, you are well. Do not sin anymore, so that something worse doesn’t happen to you.”

15 The man went and reported to the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

I. Don’t be at the right spot but knocking on the wrong door.

John 5:1-2 (ESV) After this, a Jewish festival took place, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 By the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool, called Bethesda in Hebrew, which has five colonnades.

Isa:56:7 *...these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”*

Don’t put the horse before the cart.

John 5:3-4 *Within these lay a large number of the sick—blind, lame, and paralyzed [—waiting for the moving of the water,*

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II. “Right mindset, wrong circle.”

Heb 1:14(ESV) *Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

There is nothing like the real thing

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III. Jesus is the right spot and the right door-lock in.

John 14:6 (ESV) *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

You don’t get to the right spot without taking the right path.

John 10:7 (ESV) *So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep*

Gotta have the right address to get to the right door.

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IV. Show love to Jesus for what He’s done, doing, and will do.

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