

Rock Bottom: Do You Want to Get Well?

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John 5:1-18

MESSAGE NOTES

We need to hear it all the time: Matthew 19:26

The Hopeless Man (A sick man with a hopeless, impossible situation)

vs. 1-5

The Point-Blank Question

vs. 6-8

The Miraculous Cure/Hope

v. 9

The Controversy of Hope

vs. 9b-15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. There are a lot of superstitions out there. What are some of the biggest you know of?
2. Here in the USA, being blind, lame, or paralyzed is very different (though not any less hard) than it was in biblical times. These people were cast out by the community. Knowing that, what do you think this man is feeling, being an invalid for 38 years (John 5:1-5)?
3. What reasons could the man have for not wanting to be totally healed? Why and how do we choose to stay in our own misery?
4. Where is this man's hope? Does he even have any left? What is a time you have lost hope (John 5:7)?
5. In John 5:3-7, the man didn't do anything to deserve healing. He didn't know Jesus, have faith, or even ask to be healed. With the many other disabled people at the pool that day, why do you think Jesus chose to heal this man?
6. After Jesus healed the man physically, he left, but then he returned to find the healed man. Why did Jesus go find him? What is the significance of what Jesus said to him?