

**That You May Believe  
How God Helps Us When  
We Are Helpless  
John 5:1-9**

This miracle shows us how God deals with human helplessness

We can all relate; we all find ourselves paralyzed at times

**Setting the Stage (1-5)**

- A crowded city
- A helpless situation
- A superstitious belief

**3 Things Opened Up the Possibility Of  
Change (6)**

1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ him
2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his condition
3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ him a question

- Sometimes we get comfortable with our condition
- At times, part of us wants to be healed, but another part of us is afraid of the change

**1 Barrier Stood in The Way Of Change (7)**

- The man's \_\_\_\_\_

- We often become so focused on one solution that we cannot see God's solution
- We can become accustomed to life around a \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **3 Things That Activate the Reality Of Change (8-9)**

#### **1. God \_\_\_\_\_ us to do the impossible**

- The only way I can do the impossible is by depending on God!

#### **2. God tells us to \_\_\_\_\_ the temptation to relapse**

- It is very easy to go back to a comfortable pattern or habit
- Sometimes you have to "burn your bridges"

#### **3. God \_\_\_\_\_ continued success**

- Jesus expected this man to live a life based on his healing
- Faith is \_\_\_\_\_ what God tells you to do

*"Every parable that Jesus taught was a miracle of instruction, and every miracle that Jesus wrought was a parable of instruction." G. Campbell Morgan*

## **The Greatest Healing**

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8–10)*

- By \_\_\_\_\_
- Through \_\_\_\_\_
- For \_\_\_\_\_

*“Hopelessness is the doorway to hope. You have to give up on yourself before you will be excited about the hope that is yours in Christ Jesus.” Paul Tripp*

**Do You Want To Be Healed?**

## **Making It Personal:**

- What is the point of helplessness and hopelessness in your life right now?
- What solutions have you tried that just are not working?
- What is the impossibility that God is calling you to right now?
- What is the next step of faith and obedience that you will take in following Jesus?
- Who can you share these truths with?