

SERMON OUTLINE

(Pastor Jodie – January 21, 2024)

TOPIC: Hope for the Broken (Nothing is beyond God's ability to make whole)

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-9

Hope: Trusting God regarding things unknown/unclear to us, but known to God (*Heb.11:1*)

God's ability is limitless (*Eph.3:20, Rms.8:28, Is.61:3, Gen.50:20, Ps.34:18*)

"Nothing in life is broken beyond repair. Beautiful things can still come from broken pieces if God is given a chance." (Unknown Quote)

Main Point: Sometimes God's _____ come in unexpected _____ & _____.

"Answers to prayer have to be on God's schedule, not ours. He hears us pray and He answers according to His will in His own time." (Pastor David Jeremiah)

This man is at the place he believed contained the solution to his condition... **"Here (Bethesda) a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, lame, & paralyzed."** (v.3)

- Those who _____ God learn His _____ are worth _____ for (*Rms.5:5, 12:12, Prov.3:5-6*)

The man has put his hope in Bethesda for a long time without any success, **"One who was there had been invalid for 38 years."** (v.5)

"There are no hopeless situations, there are only those who have grown hopeless about them." (Clare Boothe)

- The _____ of our hope (big/small) depends upon how strong our _____ (trust) to God is. (*Romans 15:13*)

While this man may feel looked over, Jesus intentionally notices & approaches, **"When Jesus saw him lying there & learned (knew) he had been in this condition for a long time."** (v.6a)

- While God does _____ everyone, His _____ to each individual needs is _____. (*Matt.6:8, 1Sam.16:7, Is.55:8-9, 2Cor.12:8-9*)

"God answers the prayer we ought to have made, rather than the prayer we did make." (JIPacker)

Jesus challenges what the man's true desire is, **"Do you want to get well?"** (v.6b)

- Our _____ reveal what we truly _____ about God. (*Jms.2:26, 1:22, Matt.7:21, 1Jn.1:6, 5:3*)

While the man asks for help from others, the One who could truly help was standing right in front of him, **"I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred..."** (v.7)

- Shift your _____ onto _____ who _____ the solution! (*Ps.121:1, Heb.12:2, Is.26:3*)
- We can still trust God, yet have lingering doubts (*Mk.9:22-24, 27*) (+*Jms.4:6, Rms.8:32, 2Cor.5:7*)

God reveals His unexpected solution is greater than man-made solutions, **"'Get up, take up your mat and walk.' At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat & walked."** (v.8-9)

"God is able to fix that which is broken so that what stands is immeasurably greater than that which stood before it needed repair." (Craig D. Lounsbrough)