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The Miracles of Jesus: Part 3



“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have eternal life.”—John 20:31

Jesus is able, but experiencing the miraculous often hinges on our _____. We can allow our thinking to keep us from what Jesus might want to do.

John 5:1–9

“When Jesus saw him and knew how long he had been ill, he asked him, ‘Would you like to get well?’ ‘I can’t, sir,’ the sick man said, ‘for I have no one to help me in the pool when the water is stirred.’”—Verse 6, 7 NLT

The invalid’s greatest handicap wasn’t physical. His most debilitating handicap was mental. He could not see beyond his present situation to believe for something greater. Jesus wanted to give the man a different future, but he was stuck in his present reality.

Places We Get Stuck

- We can get stuck in our _____.
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How can we make way for Jesus to change our present reality?

1. Confront the _____ that has you stuck. (John 5:7)
 - As long as we believe the lie of the excuse, blame, or limitation, we stay stuck. We allow the lie to determine our reality.
2. Only God can do miracles, but there is almost always a _____ involved. (John 5:8)
 - What action might you need to take to see the power of God released? Miracles happen as we partner faith and action.
3. Live in _____ of God’s goodness and power.
 - As a Christ-follower, you have the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, living in you. So, you should be living naturally supernatural.

For the sick man, his life was changed because of one encounter with Jesus. How might Jesus want to encounter you today?

Answers: response; past; limitations; blame; excuse; lie; human element; expectation



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GOING DEEPER

Read John 5:1-9

In verse 6 we read that Jesus asked the invalid, "Do you want to get well?"

What was your initial response when reading this? Why do you think Jesus asked this specific question?

Have you ever been in a situation where you couldn't help someone because they didn't really want help?

After living with his disability for 38 years, we discover that the invalid's limitations went beyond the physical. His greatest handicap was his thinking. Our thoughts can cause us to get stuck from moving forward.

Reflecting on the various places we can get stuck (indicated in the sermon notes), which one seems most relevant to you?

John 8:32 tells us that when we know the truth it will set us free. What lie are you believing that is keeping you stuck?

Find a scripture that you can meditate on that confronts the lie you have been believing and will help to focus your mind on the truth. Write it below.



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