Do You REALLY Want to be Made Well?

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INTRODUCTION

- Rather than going to the temple, the Bible says that Jesus went to a pool.
- This pool that Jesus would have gone to, which is in the Hebrew called Bethesda, would not have been a very sanitary place.

1 Do You Want to Be Made Well?

John 5:5–6

- Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity 38 years.
- Jesus looks down upon this man and he says to him, Do you want to get well?
- I believe the question that Jesus asked this man is a dark, deep, probing and disturbing question.
- There are many people who say they want to be made well. But in reality, they're not willing to do one thing to accomplish that.

2 I Have No One to Put Me in the Pool

John 5:7

- There are some people, ladies and gentlemen, who do not want to be made well.
- The sick man answered him, sir, I have no one to put me in the pool.
- I used to think that when people say it is what it is, they were stating the obvious. That's not it. They're stating to you the hopelessness of the situation.
- I want us to begin to be face to face with the question that Jesus asked. Do you want to really get well?

3 Do You Secretly Enjoy Victimhood, Blaming Someone Else?

- Do you really want to get well? Or do you secretly enjoy being a victim? And there are people who do.
- What they're telling me is I'm a victim. I'd like for things to be better in my life, but I'm a victim. It won't happen.
- Do you really want to get well, or are you going to keep blaming somebody else for the issues and the problems in your life?
- It's my wife, it's my husband, it's my children, it's my parents.

4 Afraid to Try? Rise, Take Up Your Bed and Walk

John 5:8

- Or is it you're afraid? You're afraid to try.
- They have allowed themselves to live in this little small, comfortable box. And they will not get out of that box.

- Jesus said to him in John 5 in verse 8, rise. Get up. Move. Change your position. Change your perspective. Get out of your box.
- Take all of your excuses, take all of the blame, take everything that's hindering you. Get up, take up your bed and walk.

5 What About Your Marriage? What About Your Addictions?

1 Peter 3:7; 2 Corinthians 10:5

- Do you really want your marriage to be what God intends for it to be?
- Husbands, begin to love your wives as Christ loved the church.
- And wives, when your husband loves you as Christ loves the church and as he loves his own body, then submit to him, surrender to his will.
- Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

6 Being Spiritual, Devout Children, and Being Saved

2 Timothy 3:15; Deuteronomy 6:4–7; Matthew 19

- You're not going to be more spiritual when you spend more time at the gym than you do in the Bible.
- You shall teach them diligently to your children. Talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down and when you rise up.
- Sell everything that you have, give to the poor, come follow me.
- Not everybody, no matter what they say, wants to be saved.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If this is something that you really want to do, then don't just lie there by the pool of Bethesda. Rise. Take up your bed and walk.**

MY NOTES