

DGM Message Summary: Do You Want To?

Takeaway:

All of us have a weakness in our lives, but what's amazing is that God still sees only you! Jesus wants to give you your dignity back. You don't need anyone to fix it for you. If God is for you, it's enough. He's changed your mind and changed your heart. Rise up! Are you ready to be honest with yourself about what you really want in life? Are you ready to become what Jesus made you to be? Are you ready to leap from your bed of sin and rise up to His challenge?

Scriptural References:

- John 5:2
 - Jesus visited a pool in Jerusalem, called Bethesda
 - Bethesda means "house of mercy"
 - There were five covered porches to protect travelers from the elements
- John 5:3
 - A multitude of sick people laid under these coverings
 - People made pilgrimage to the pool, seeking healing
- John 5:4
 - It was believed that there was an Angel who stirred up the water, bringing healing
 - Whoever stepped in to the water first after the stirring was healed of whatever disease he had.
 - The problem is that only one person could be healed
 - Everybody else had to wait for the next time to be that first one in the water.
- John 5:5
 - A man there had been disabled for 38 years.
 - 38 years disabled was longer than the average lifespan in those times.
 - He was blessed with longevity but not a remedy.
 - The reason he was alive still was because God was not done with him, yet.
- John 5:6
 - Jesus saw the disabled man lying near the pool.
 - Jesus never sees a crowd.
 - In spite of where he was, alone and cast off, Jesus still saw him.
 - Jesus knew the man was long-suffering.
 - Jesus asked the man, "Do you want to be made well?"
 - The problem is, the man lost his "want to"
 - He was safe-guarding his heart from further disappointment.
 - The man was sick in body and heart.
 - Jesus fixes the heart before the body.
- John 5:7
 - The man said that he wanted to be made well, but couldn't.
 - He had no one to help him to the pool.

- Everyone around him was as sick as he was or worse.
 - He was embittered by his situation.
- Jesus stepped in to help the man.
- John 5:8
 - Jesus said “Rise,” speaking not only to the man’s body, but to his heart.
- John 5:9
 - When Jesus spoke, He imparted life onto the man.
 - The man was immediately made well.
 - Jesus didn’t just heal the man’s body — He healed his mind and his heart.

Key Points:

- God’s saving you, every day, because He’s not done with you yet.
- God is for you.
- Wrapped in paralysis, trapped by an event, even when you’re stuck with no way out, Jesus sees you.
- Pain and dysfunction can acclimate you to thinking your situation is normal.
 - When you accept weakness as normal, you lose hope.
- Bitterness and loneliness are different points in the same cycle.
- If you’re always the best in the room, you’re in the wrong rooms!
 - If you’re always the best, you stop learning.
- We don’t attract what we want. We attract what we are.
- If you need greater results, expose yourself to greater people.
- The first step in breaking paralysis is standing up for yourself.
- Every word God speaks ensures that you have the ability to do it.