

There is More

Week 3

There is **ALWAYS MORE**.

John 5:3-13; 16-18, NIV

³Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “**Do you want to GET WELL?**”

⁷“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool **when the water is stirred**. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

⁸Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

¹⁰and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” ¹¹But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

¹²So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

¹³The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

¹⁶So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him.

¹⁷In his defense Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” ¹⁸For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

Where does God want to move **BEYOND** your current **CAPACITY**?

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

: When was the last time you felt like there wasn't enough of something to go around? How did you handle that? How were the people around you acting? (If you can't think of a time, reflect on the shortages of paper products, poultry, and bread during the pandemic.)

: Re-read the passage of John 5:3-13 & 16-18.

- What “lights up” for you? (What do you find your mind/heart drawn to as you read?)
- What seems especially challenging or off-putting to you? Why do you think that is?
- Where do you sense an invitation from God for you personally?

: Pastor Jeremiah said, “God is the God of Abundance. There is always more of his love, always more of his presence, always more of his goodness... yet we often reduce what we experience of his goodness, presence, and love because of our limited capacity to see and to trust.”

- How are you processing that?
- What are symptoms someone may be living in limitation?
- What is evidence we are moving beyond our current capacity to experience God in these ways?

Invite someone to pray with and check in on how you live into that this week.

Join us for River Baptism next week!

Sunday, August 14th

Backwater Gambler's Site (behind the Rock Island Campus)

5000 44th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

Food trucks and connection start at 4pm

Worship & Baptisms start at 5pm

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