



FLIP THE SCRIPT - Healing at the Pool of Bethesda



BIG IDEA

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ICE BREAKER

Share about a time when you experienced perfect timing - like finding a parking spot right when you needed it, running into someone unexpectedly, or having something work out just right. Do you think of moments like these as coincidences or small miracles?



MAIN POINTS

- We Often Look for God in the Wrong Places
- Desperation can cause tunnel vision that prevents us from seeing other possibilities
- Jesus Extends Grace to the Undeserving: unlike other healing miracles, Jesus didn't say "your faith has healed you"
- We Struggle When Others Receive What We Think They Don't Deserve
- The Pharisees missed the miracle because they were focused on rules and their own agenda
- We Can Trust God Whether He Says Yes or No
- Anger and disappointment with God are not sins but a life without God is lonely and scary



DISCUSS

1. The paralyzed man was so focused on one solution (the pool) that he almost missed Jesus. What are some "pools" in our culture that people look to for healing, hope, or meaning instead of looking to God?
2. Rachel shared that this miracle is unique because unlike the others in John Jesus does not say "Your faith has healed you." Why do you think Jesus healed this man without him having faith?
3. Can you think of a time when you struggled with someone else receiving a blessing, opportunity, or "miracle" that you felt they didn't deserve? How did you work through those feelings?
4. Rachel mentioned her nephew's diagnosis and the pain of "non-miracles." Share about a time when you prayed for something that didn't happen the way you hoped. How did that affect your relationship with God?
5. Rachel said "I believe He CAN... and I am going to trust Him if He doesn't." This is a difficult balance. What helps you maintain trust in God during seasons of unanswered prayer?
6. How comfortable are you with being honest about disappointment or anger toward God? What would it look like to bring those feelings to Him rather than hiding them?
7. What's one specific area of your life where you need to move from trying to control the outcome to trusting God with the results?



NEXT STEP

Take a moment to consider: Are there any "pools" in your life that you're depending on instead of looking to Jesus? What would it look like to trust God's character and timing, even when you can't understand His methods?



John 5:5-6 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When 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?"

SCRIPTURE

John 5:8-9 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

**NEXT WEEK
SNEAK PEAK**

Join us next week and invite a friend as continue the FLIP THE SCRIPT series exploring Jesus’ miracles!

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