

Digging Deeper: John 5:1-15

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Day 1

Read all the verses (John 5:1-15) at once today. Today, our focus is on prayer for healing. Notice how our Lord sees this man and he has compassion. Our world right now is up-ended by the ongoing pandemic and many disruptions. Today, spend some time praying about the healing of those you know most affected by the pandemic, either physically, emotionally or financially. Also, pray that they may surrender their lives to our Lord right now.

Day 2

Read John 5:1. We learn that Jesus traveled up to Jerusalem for a feast. Read Hebrews 10:25. We see that we are not to neglect the gathering together of the saints. Pray about our “new normal” of having to meet remotely. Give thought to how you can be obedient to this as well as the people in your family. Give thought and prayer to home devotions and communion. Pray for the wider Church around the world that it may be faithful to meet and bring worship to our Lord.

Day 3

Read John 5:2-4. Give thought to this scene. This pool is called Bethesda. This term means “House of Mercy.” The scene has many crippled and lame near and in the pool. And we meet this one man who had been an invalid for 38 years. Today, how is our Church a “House of Mercy?” What is the greatest need of any human soul? How does the Gospel answer this need? Pray that MACC can follow our Lord to bring mercy and grace in this emerging pandemic situation.

Day 4

Read John 5:5-7. An amazing part of this story is the “why” behind it. The scripture says they Jesus “saw him” and asked him “do you want to be healed?” Why this man? Read John 5:19 and then Ephesians 2:8-9. Describe what grace is to you. What has the grace of God meant to you? Praise Him in this very moment for this grace!

Day 5

Read John 5:8-9. We see Jesus’ command to “get up.” The word means “awaken” and then “rise, get up.” This is a command to evoke movement from a fixed position. “Get up! Come!” Compare this with John 3:1-8 when our Lord was with Nicodemus, and he commanded, “you must be born again....” Listen to our Lord’s commands today. What must you respond to when he tells you to “get up?” Pray.

Day 6

Read John 5:10-15. Our focus today is on verse 14 when our Lord tells this man to “sin no more.” Today, read and meditate over Roman 6. We are no longer slaves to sin but slaves to righteousness. Pray today that you will repent, pick up your mat and cross, and follow Him. Praise Him for this amazing work of grace in your life. Pray for tomorrow’s service and MACC’s staff and leadership.