

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 6:

Being Open to Receive Healing

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Scripture

- **John 5:1-4; 14**

After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered [*waiting for the moving of the waters for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.*] A man was there who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, “**Do you wish to get well?**”

¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.”

- **2 Corinthians 11:14**

...disguises himself as an angel of light.

Other Scriptures

- John 5:t, 5:8-9
- Galatians 6:8
- Exodus 20:20
- James 3:2-12
- Proverbs 18:21
- Matthew 7:1
- Deuteronomy 28:1-68

Main Points

*Expository Preaching-The comprehensive explanation of the Scripture; passage by passage.

1. Some of us have become so comfortable with our state of misery and darkness that we don't even want to get well.
2. If we want to be healed, if we want to be changed, *we have to want to be healed.*
3. If we truly want to be free, we have to want to change.

Questions

1. What does it mean to be comfortable with the darkness we are in?
2. What may internally be keeping us from being healed?
3. How did Jesus point this out in his conversation with the man at the pool?
4. How insidious can the enemy be? How does he seek to trick us with his presence? What is the remedy for not falling prey? What warning signs may protect us?
5. Rabbi spotlighted gluttony, sexual sin, speech, and judgementalism as areas of darkness that people are often held captive too through familiar, generational curses and demonic influences. Can you relate to these? What other areas might you also include?
6. Rabbi suggested some things we need to guard. What were they? Pray for the Holy Spirit's insight and write down some specific action steps you can start conscientiously to do for some of the areas you face.
7. How do we reject the thoughts of the enemy and give God control over the thoughts that continually bombard us? (See also Rabbi's teachings on Self Deliverance)