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# Fish Out Of Water

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[ John 5.1-9 NKJV ]

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda (house of mercy), having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

- Religious people got MAD

- **Don't like** HOW it was done / WHEN it was done....

- Mad it didn't Involve them

Seems Religious people MAD when God moves powerfully....

- Religious people are MORE focused on..... Protocol & Procedures

THAN People encountering Power of God

- Way God works seldom fits into little man made boxes

**PRAY**



[ TITLE SLIDE: ]

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EXPLAIN POOL GAME: Marko Pollo - "*Fish Out of Water*"

## In John 5 we have a guy out of the pool

.....But he wants to be inside the pool



[ **PHOTO**: Explain Verses 3 & 4 ]

Man thinks.....

*"If I could be a FISH IN water & not OUT... all my problems would be over"*

- 38 years Expecting this Pool to solve his problems

### Here Comes Jesus...

- To SEEK & SAVED that which is lost
- Jesus FRIEND of SINNERS / GOD HIMSELF / come RESCUE & REDEEM
- Here comes Jesus to a FISH Out of Water...
  - **Going to Fish for a Fish out of Water!**

Jesus calls us to do same thing...

[ Matthew 4.19 NKJV ]

*...“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

**LIVING WATER is what people need!**

- YOU have a mission... to go FISHING and  
bring HEAVEN to Others!!
  - Be Imitators of Jesus Looking for people in Need..
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### 3 POINTS TO TAKE AWAY FROM THIS STORY

## #1 YOU CAN'T BE WELL AGAINST YOUR WILL

- Here's a guy who desperately wants to get Better... **OR DOES HE ??**

Jesus asked *...Do you want to be made well?"*

- Where there's DISFUNCTION in YOUR life ASK... *"Do I want to be better??"*

**TRUTH IS.... Not Everyone who is DOWN wants UP**

**God cannot take us somewhere new**

**As long as we're comfortable and happy where we are**

Jesus saw this man laying there a certain way AND knew he'd been there LONG TIME

- Jesus asked a question of **DESIRE** (not ability)

*...Do you want to be made well?"*

- Seems this man grew Comfortable in his situation

- Maybe he stopped trying / **APATHY** / **DISCOURAGEMENT** / **LOST HOPE**

- You can become **ADDICTED** to what's **AFFLICTING** you

- Grow **Accustomed** to it... **Accept** it...

- Things will **NEVER CHANGE**

- **This guy been there 38 years**

\*\* **Number 38 Years** ....BEFORE Israel entered the Promise Land....



[ Deuteronomy 2:14 NKJV ]

*“Thirty-eight years passed from the time we first left Kadesh-barnea until we finally crossed the Zered Brook! By then, all the men old enough to fight in battle had died in the wilderness, as the Lord had vowed would happen.*

( STORY: 12 Spies in Promise Land )

- ONLY suppose to be in wilderness short time.... then GO IN!
- Sacred.... sent in 12 spies
  - *“But there’s huge giants... we can’t do it”*
  - Discourage hearts of God’s people
  - So discouraged.... NEXT 38 Years in Kadesh Bernea  
NEVER suppose to live there!  
.....Stop moving forward!

**FOR US**

- God has **Overcoming Life for you**.... but your scared of giants???
- We need FORWARD momentum attitude.... **TRUSTING GOD!**

**I wonder in your soul... *“Have you stopped fighting....?”***

- Accepted Marriage you have... NOT the one you’re suppose to?
- Accepted Children not saved...
- Accepted Addiction...

*...Do you want to be made well?”*



**#2 AS LONG AS YOU SHIFT THE BLAME  
YOU’LL REMAIN THE SAME**

“If we insist on Passing the buck... our Forward progress will be stuck”

- Jesus ask the man DIRECT question *...Do you want to be made well?”*

**YES or NO**



[ JOHN 5.7 NKJV ]

*The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; (it's not my fault..) but while I am coming, another steps down before me." (I've been done wrong!)*

- Would you like to be made well??

...Do you know how **UNFAIR my life has been??**

- Would you....

...Do you know how many time **I've been PASSED OVER at work??**

- Would you....

...They said that about me, **I can't get past my hurt??** no one likes me!

( These things can be true... )

Called playing **BLAME GAME:**

It PREVENTS God from doing what He wants to do INSIDE you

- When you're busy blaming others... **you're NOT moving forward**

- No Growth

- Maybe you didn't have a dad

- Maybe color of your skin

- Maybe your poor....

**As long as you're assigning your current behavior to your condition....**

**You're accepting it and allowing it to spill over into your future**

*"I am the way I am because of what they did to me"*

- I **wouldn't** be so Angry / Bitter / Unpleasant

- It's the way I was brought up!!

**GOD IS SAYING.... Quite letting your progress be in the hands of other people**

- Your life is passing you by

- Your bitterness is holding you back

## You can't be a Victor and a Victim at the same time!

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### #3 **WHAT JESUS CALLS YOU TO, HE GIVES THE STRENGTH TO DO**

This man was given an impossible assignment..... **RISE!**

- Many many times, God asks us to do implausible things...

### **God's command is always His enabling**

He never calls you to something that He will not give strength to do it

EXAMPLE: ( Sound Boards have Phantom Power )



[ Ephesians 4.7 NKJV ]

*But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

- God won't call you to do something  
Without the GRACE to power you
- Why God gave us Holy Spirit to fulfill Great Commission

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**Jesus didn't explain it or qualify it what He said.... just says GET UP!**

- Enough LYING there
- Enough WHERE you're Comfortable
- Enough Shifting the BLAM

.....**It's time to RISE UP!!**

.....(Jimmy or Kim)

**As the man began to OBEY... Jesus supplied the Power**

Things in your life...

- You don't need to understand.... OBEY\_\_\_He'll give the Power
- ALWAYS be Millions reasons
  - It's not good time to Tithe now
  - Not good time to move out now... I know we're not married
  - I know God doesn't want me to be in this spot
  - Never good time to Obey

**When we obey... there's Blessing, Healing, Power, Peace... that comes!**

Just say...

*"I'm going to obey, and Let God supply the power!"*



[ Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT ]

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

- We are NOT called to understand all things...
- We are called to Obey

**- JESUS DOESN'T HAVE YOUR CURE... HE IS YOUR CURE**

RESPOND TIME.....