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GOOD
Question

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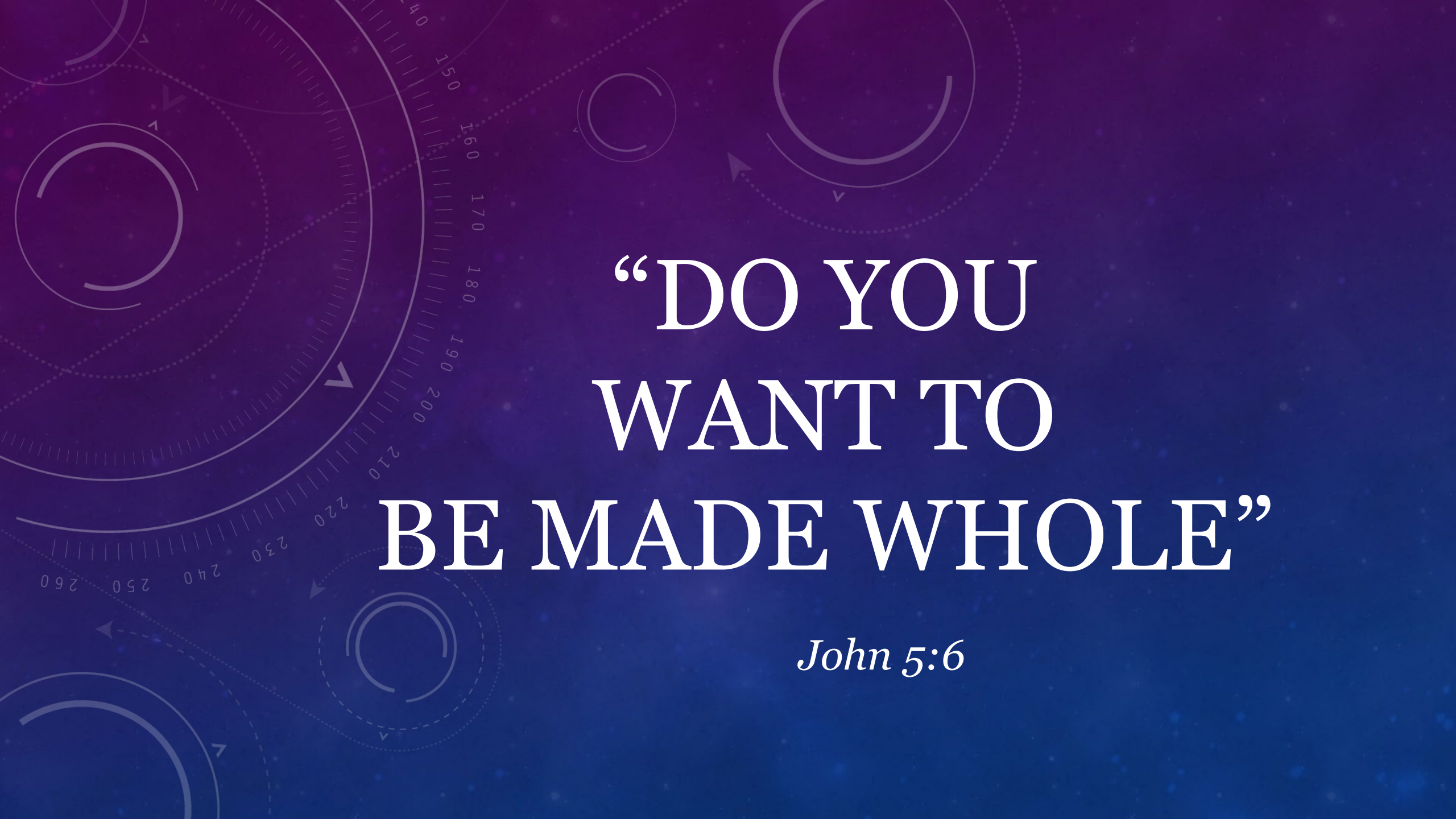
Why This Series

Jesus who is *All-Knowing*, *All-Seeing*, and *All-Powerful* Constantly *Asked Questions...*
The Four Gospels Record About *339 Questions* Asked By Jesus
Jesus Did Not *Ask Questions To Get Information...* There Was Always Something Deeper

- 1) To Teach Others by promoting *THOUGHT* and *SELF-EXAMINATION*
- 2) To Nurture Deeper Conversations and Relationships
- 3) To Encourage People to come to their Own Conclusions, and Reveal Their Needs
- 4) To Build *FAITH* and Draw People into a more Personal Understanding of Truth
- 5) To Draw Out What Was Really In Their Hearts

Jesus' Questions Went *Beyond Surface Dialogue*
They Were Intended To Go *Beyond Words* To Challenge *Beliefs and Mindsets*

So, In This Series We Will Study Some Of Jesus' Questions
To Engage In Deeper Conversations And See How They Can
Promote Deeper Thought And Spiritual Insight

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“DO YOU
WANT TO
BE MADE WHOLE”

John 5:6

John 5:1-9 (NKJV)

1 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, 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.

Introduction

*In John 5, Jesus meets a man that has been **lame for 38 years...**
Jesus shows up and asks **this man** a simple but intriguing question
DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WHOLE?*

*For Many people there should be an **OBVIOUS ANSWER, "YES"**
For Many people there would **not be a doubt** about if they wanted to be made whole....*

*But Jesus Asked The Question....
DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WHOLE?*

*Jesus Knows That This Man's Ailment **Is Not Just Physical**
He Looks **Beyond His Physical Affliction** and Sees A Deeper Issue*

*The Same Question Could Be Asked Of Us Tonight
How Bad To We Want To Change? Do We Really Want To Change?*

*The question challenges **individuals** to consider if they are truly **ready to give up their current circumstances** and **face the personal effort and commitment** required for a life of wholeness.*

Principle #1

The Question Is Personal

John 5:3-7

3 In these *lay a multitude of invalids*—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

5 *One man* was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

6 When Jesus *saw him* lying there and knew that *HE* had already been there a long time, he said to *HIM*,
“*DO YOU* want to be made whole?”

7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, *I HAVE NO ONE* to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going *ANOTHER STEPS* down before me.”

Jesus Did Not Come To *Heal Everyone* ~ He Shows Up For *ONE MAN*
He *Chooses* This One Man As *A Visible Demonstration Of His Power...*

Although Everyone Has Issues, Jesus Comes *To Deal With Him On This Day*
Many People Are *Looking Around* At Everyone's Issues And *Magnifying Their Misery*

Jesus Says, What Can I Do *FOR YOU!!!*

YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR A POWERFUL DEMONSTRATION
BUT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OTHERS ~~

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He Is In The Presence Of Jesus ~ But Focused On Other Solutions

Many People Are **FOCUSED** On Seeking Other Solutions

While Praying and Coming To Church

Their Bodies Are In Church ~ But Their Hope and Trust Is In Other Solutions

We Often **Get Caught Up In Methods and Systems**

Instead Of **Hearing/Heeding** The Word Of God

The System Will Always Produce Excuses and Explanations

HE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

The Question Reveals His Dependence On A Systematic Solution

Principle #2

The Question Challenges His Personal Desire

John 5:5-6

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?"

*The Question Goes Beyond His Physical Dysfunction To **HIS PERSONAL DESIRE***

*Jesus Understands That **The Load** And **The Length** Of Your Circumstance Can **Affect Your Desire***

*He Had An Infirmity ~ He Was Lame ~ Unable To Move ~ Unable To Do For Himself
He Had Been In This Condition For 38 Years...*

Many People Can Maintain Their Desire For A Few Weeks, A Few Months, Maybe A Few Years

*But There Comes **A Point** When You Become **Sick and Tired Of Being Sick and Tired...**
The Enemy Begins To Attack Your Desire To Function
The Enemy Begins To Attack Your Desire To Excel*

Eventually You Accept The Dysfunction As "NORMAL"

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Eventually Spiritual Complacency Begins To Set In
If you are not careful, you will find yourself just *going through the motion*
If you are not careful, you find yourself in a state of stagnation in your spirit

Zephaniah 1:12 (NLT)
12 "I will search with lanterns in Jerusalem's darkest corners to punish *those who sit COMPLACENT in their sins*. They think the Lord will do nothing to them, *EITHER GOOD OR BAD*.

Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)
15 I know your deeds, that you are *NEITHER COLD NOR HOT*. *I wish you were either one or the other!*
16 So, because *you are lukewarm*--neither hot nor cold--*I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*

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The Desire Can Turn Into Unbelief

Mark 9:20-24 (NLT)

20 So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.

21 *"HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN HAPPENING?"* Jesus asked the boy's father.

He replied, "Since he was a little boy.

22 The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him.

HAVE MERCY ON US AND HELP US, IF YOU CAN."

23 *"What do you mean, 'If I can'?"* Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

24 The father instantly cried out, *"I DO BELIEVE, BUT HELP ME OVERCOME MY UNBELIEF!"*

The Length and The Load Can Affect Your Belief In The One Who Is Able

Maintain Your Desire For Change ~ For Better ~ For More

Luke 8:43-48 ~ Woman With Issue of Blood For 12 Years ~ *Pressed* Her Way Through Crowd

Mark 10:46-52 ~ Blind Bartimaeus *Kept Hollering* Until He Got His Attention

Genesis 32 ~ Jacob *wrestles all night* with angel ~ Not Going To Let You Go *UNTIL YOU BLESS ME*

Principle #3

The Question Challenges His Personal Development

John 5:8-15 (NKJV)

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.

10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." 11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'" 12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "SEE, YOU HAVE BEEN MADE WELL. SIN NO MORE, LEST A WORSE THING COME UPON YOU." 15 The man departed and told the Jews that IT WAS JESUS WHO HAD MADE HIM WELL.

Notice The Sovereignty Of God

He Was There In The Same Condition For 38 Years ~ Jesus Shows Up On That Day

vs. 9 says "IMMEDIATELY the man was made well"

YOU MUST TRUST THAT GOD HAS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR YOUR BREAKTHROUGH

John 9:1-3 (NLT)

1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

2 "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" 3 "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered.

"This happened so the power of God could be seen IN HIM."

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Notice The Power Of God's Word

Jesus Asked, Do You Want To Be Made Whole..... He Responds With Excuses....

The Word Goes Forth Without A Correct Answer....And Without A Demonstration Of Personal Faith

Vs. 8 says, RISE, TAKE UP YOUR BED AND WALK

Isaiah 55:10-11 (NLT)

10 "The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth.

They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry.

11 IT IS THE SAME WITH MY WORD. I SEND IT OUT, and it always produces fruit.

IT WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL I WANT IT TO, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

God's Word Will Change Your Situation ~ It Just Requires Obedience

This Man Obeyed The Word And Didn't Know Who Jesus Was...

How Much More Would The Word Do In Our Lives If We Believed and Obeyed!!!

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Notice The Root Of The Problem

1) He Did Not Have Knowledge Of Jesus Christ

2) He Has A Sin Issue

*He Didn't Know What He Needed ~ But Jesus Knew His Problem
Was Beyond Physical Dysfunction*

Jesus' Desire Was To Make Him Whole.... Not Make Him Walk

In Conclusion

Question: “Do You Want To Be Made Whole”

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