

HOPE IN THE DARK

Hope in the Dark - Part 2 - Waiting on God April 28, 2019

Thirty-Eight Years in the Waiting (John 5:1-15)

¹ Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. ² Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. ³ Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches... ⁵ One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. – John 5:1-5

1) LISTEN for God's voice.

⁶ When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" ⁷ "I can't, sir," the sick man said, "for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me." – John 5:6-7

²⁸ I weep with sorrow; encourage me by your word.

⁴² Then I can answer those who taunt me, for I trust in your word.

⁴³ Do not snatch your word of truth from me, for your regulations are my only hope. ⁴⁴ I will keep on obeying your instructions forever and ever. ⁴⁵ I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments. - Psalm 119:28, 42-45

2) TRUST when it doesn't make sense.

⁸ Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"

⁹ Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! – John 5:8-9

3) IGNORE the wrong voices.

But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, ¹⁰ so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, "You can't work on the Sabbath! The law doesn't allow you to carry that sleeping mat!"

¹¹ But he replied, "The man who healed me told me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" ¹² "Who said such a thing as that?" they demanded.

¹³ The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. – John 5:9-13

4) WALK in obedience.

¹⁴ But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." – John 5:14

I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your regulations. - Psalm 119:30

- While I wait, I will WORSHIP.

¹⁵ Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him. – John 5:15