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John 5:1-9 (NIV)

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Jesus isn't just the ESCAPE PLAN for this life, He is the EXPERT in this life.

The genius of Jesus is seen in his WORDS and his WORKS.

How did Jesus put it to work?

- Since of PURPOSE

John 6:27 (NIV)

²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

- Since of PRIORITY

John 9:4 (NIV)

⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

- Since of PERSEVERANCE

John 17:4 (NIV)

⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

The Pool

John 5:1-4 NIV

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- Position of Jesus

John 5:5-7 NIV

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- Condition of Man

John 5:10-11 (NIV)

¹⁰and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” ¹¹But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

- System of Religion

Jesus challenged the SITUATION and the SYSTEM

LIVE IT:

Instead of asking God to REMOVE stuff; ask Him to REVEAL Himself through it.

Pick up your MATT and put it to WORK.

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

