OUT OF SEASON BLESSING!

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TEXT:
John 5:1-9
1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath."

SUBJ: Out of season blessing!

INTRO: Here JESUS encounters a man laying by the pool side, who had an infirmity for 38 years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had been there a long time, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole.

(QUESTION) How many of y'all know that GOD can bless you in ways that you're not expecting?

(STORY) There's a story about a lady that had a neighbor who didn't believe in GOD and he would always give the lady a hard time because she would always say GOD is going to make a way for me!

One day the man over heard her praying, asking GOD to bless her because she need some groceries. So the neighbor decided to play a trick on her. He went out and bought some groceries and put them on her porch while she was gone! When she came home and saw the groceries on the porch, she said thank you GOD for blessing me with these groceries!

And right when she said that, the neighbor came out and said, "I told you GOD ain't real! GOD didn't put them groceries there. I bought them groceries!"

Then, the lady said, "Thank you GOD for using this devil to bless me!"

(EXPOUND) See GOD can bless you in ways that you're not even expecting!

(NOTE: GOD can cause your haters to bless you and they don't even know that they're being a blessing to you!)

When your enemies thinks they're about to "Trick" you, GOD turns it into a "Treat" for you!

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Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole.

(EXPOUND) Now this was a big deal people of GOD because here JESUS did two

things that were not standard practice!

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FIRST: HE WORKED A MIRACLE ON THE SABBATH!

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(EXPOUND) Now, this was a very contentious thing to the Pharisees because it was a Hebrew tradition not to work on the sabbath.

(NOTE: Remember one of the ten commandments that GOD gave Moses says in

Exodus 20:8
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

So when JESUS came on the scene and he worked that miracle, he broke their religious tradition.

(EXPOUND) People of GOD, understand that there are some traditions that you've been doing and keeping, that have become ingrained and a part of your life, that need to be broken in your life!

(NOTE: Every tradition that you're trying to honor, is not a tradition that needs to be kept.) There are some traditions in your life that need to be broken.

(MOVIE) I saw this movie called "Draft". It's about the Draft night in the NFL. In the movie, the General Manager sent in the name of the person they were going to draft. And when the rest of the staff found out that he submitted the name, they were mad because he did something different than their tradition.

So one person said, "What are you doing? It's tradition that we send in the name together."

And the General Manager said, "I'm starting a new tradition until we start winning!"

(EXPOUND) GOD said, "There are some traditions that you do, that you need to brake, because they're keeping you from winning in life."

(EXP#) That tradition of you doing what you do, because your mama and

grandmama did it, and neither one of them prospered in life, that needs to be broken!

(EXP#) That tradition of you treating women wrong, because your daddy and granddaddy did it, and neither one of them was there for their children, that needs to be broke!

(EXP#) The tradition of every time you get a tax return, you spend all your money on Essence tickets, new clothes, new shoes and then you begging in two weeks! that needs to be broke!

(EXP#) The tradition of every generation in your family being broke, that needs to be broke!

(EXP#) The tradition of your children starting out life in debt, that needs to be broke!

(EXP#) The tradition of y'all just settling for less, that needs to be broke!

(EXP#) The tradition of you not knowing your value, that needs to be broke!

(EXP#) The tradition of you not trying to be great, that needs to be broke!

Every tradition is not a tradition that needs to be kept!

(EXPOUND) Jesus healed this man on the Sabbath!

DEFINITION

Sabbath – is defined as a day of the week that is regularly observed as a day of rest and worship; It also means to keep;

So get this. If you love GOD, like you say you do, than everyday should be a Sabbath-day, because every day you should be worshipping GOD and keeping GOD on your mind.

Paul said in
Romans 14:5-6
One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

(NIV)
One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.

(EXPOUND) Whatever day you consider to be the Sabbath-day, then it's your Sabbath-day BUT GOD works miracles on every day!

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SECONDLY: HE MOVED OUT OF SEASON!

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(EXPOUND) People of GOD I've learned that no matter what's going on in your life OR what condition you may be in, you should always be expecting a move GOD to happen in your life!

(NOTE: The reason why some of us are not receiving out of season blessings is because we're not expecting them.)

But you have to be ready like Paul told Timothy to
2 Timothy 4:2
Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season

You have to be ready for an out of season blessing!

(EXPOUND) JESUS asked the man "Wilt thou be made whole"?

(NOTE: In other words, "He said do you want an out of season blessing?")

(QUESTION) How many of y'all want GOD to give you an out of season blessing?

(EXP#) I'm talking about one of those blessings that, you don't even see it coming!

(EXP#) I'm talking about one of those blessings that, you didn't even think about!

(EXP#) I'm talking about one of those blessings that, comes to you before you were expecting it to come!

(EXP#) I'm talking about one of those blessings that, doesn't even make sense how OR why it happened.

(EXP#) I'm talking about one of those blessings that, people thought that you would never be able to do.

(NOTE: Listen, I don't know about you, but I don't want to just be blessed when my season comes, but I want to be blessed in season and out of season!)

I want to be blessed go in and coming out!

I want to be blessed lying down and getting up!

I want to be blessed in the city and in the field!

Listen, As long as I've been suffering with this; As long as I've been going through this; With everything that has happened to me, I want an out of season blessing!

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The impotent man said, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole.

GOD can bless you in ways that you don't expect but this is what you have to do:

BODY:

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#1 DON’T MISS WHAT GOD CAN DO, BECAUSE YOU’RE WAITING ON A MAN TO DO IT.

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(EXPOUND) See the problem with the impotent man, was that He allowed his deliverance, to be dependent on other people!

(NOTE: He was waiting on other people to do, what only GOD could do.)

But can I tell you people of GOD, that If I had to wait on other people to bless me, I’ll never be blessed.

(QUESTION) How many of y’all been waiting on a man to do something for you and they ain’t done it yet?

That’s why GOD told us in
Isaiah 2:22
Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

(NIV)
Stop trusting in mere humans, who have but a breath in their nostrils. Why hold them in esteem?

(EXPOUND) Some of y'all expect man to do too much for you and the more you expect the more disappointed you are!

(NOTE: That impotent man was disappointed for 38 years because he was trusting in man!)

But you need to do what David said in
Psalm 62:5
My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

(EXPOUND) Some y'all put too much expectation on him (man) and then you're disappointed, when him (man) doesn't live up to the expectation of HIM (GOD)!

But when your trust in GOD, you can have expectations

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect a blessing!

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect a breakthrough!

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect a deliverance!

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect a healing!

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect things to change in your life!

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect ways to be made!

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect doors to be opened!

(EXP#) When you put your trust in GOD, you can expect a mighty move of GOD!

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#2 DON’T PUT LIMITATIONS ON WHAT GOD CAN DO!

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(EXPOUND) Don’t miss your blessing because you’re thinking that GOD can only bless you in a certain way!

(EXPOUND) JESUS saith to the man, “Wilt thou be made whole?”

And the impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool:

(EXPOUND) A lot of us miss out on our blessings and we miss on on what GOD is trying to do for us, because we want GOD to do things the way we think it should be done, instead of allowing GOD to do things the way they need to be done!

And because of that, we put limitations on what GOD is capable of doing!

(NOTE: But can I tell you people of GOD that One of the worst things you can do is to put limitations on what GOD can do!)

(EXP#) GOD is asking you how much is the payoff amount, but you keep telling him how much is the monthly note!

(EXP#) GOD is trying to give you your own business, but you keep telling him that you need the job you applied for last week.

(EXP#) GOD is trying to give you the home, but you keep telling him that you want a nice apartment to rent.

You're putting limitations on GOD!

Mark 6:3-5
3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. 4 But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.

(EXPOUND) When you can't see JESUS for who he is, we limit the blessing in what he does!

Because GOD can only do, what you believe he can do!

When we learn to eliminate our limitations on GOD, we can experience greater manifestations from GOD!

CONCLUSION:

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#3 DON’T LET TRADITIONS KEEP YOU SITTING IN

DEFEATED POSITIONS.

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(EXPOUND) It was tradition that kept the impotent man sitting by the pool every year for 38 years waiting for the troubling of the water, but how many of y'all know that every tradition is not a tradition that needs to be kept!

(EXPOUND) If you're too busy trying to follow tradition, it can make miss your out of season blessing!

JESUS said in
Matthew 15:3-6
3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."

(EXPOUND) When you're more concerned about following the traditions of men, than you are about following GOD, you nullify the blessings of the commandments because of your tradition!

John 5:4-8
4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

(EXPOUND) When you're too busy following tradition, it can make miss you the power of GOD move in your life and it can keep you tied to the past and hinder your future.

(NOTE: I can't let Tradition keep me locked into the things of old and hinder what GOD is trying to do new in my life!)

Isaiah 43:18-19
Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19) Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

(EXPOUND) Don't miss the new thing GOD is trying to do because you're so tied to what he used to do.