

EVERYBODY HURTS

1. Remember the truth.

- John 5:1–5 – Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.
- Pain doesn't care who you are (Matthew 5:45).
- Pain is the result of our fallen world (Genesis 3; Romans 5:12).
- Pain is the result of personal sin (Galatians 6:7).
- Pain tests your faith (1 Peter 1:6–7).
- Pain displays God's power (John 9:2–3).

2. Jesus wants to step into your pain.

- John 5:6 – When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

3. Remove the excuses.

- John 5:7 – “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.”

4. A simple act of obedience can change everything.

- John 5:8–9a – Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking!

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5. Someone will always object.

- John 5:9b–13 – But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, 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!” But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded. The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd.

6. Walk in a new direction.

- John 5:14a – But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning.”

7. There is a pain worse than just physical.

- John 5:14b–15 – “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC!
2. **DRC Students:** If you have recently completed the 6th–12th grade, be sure to join us every Wednesday this summer from 6:30–7:30 pm. Don’t miss the best hour of the week.
3. **Close Encounters:** Are you curious as to why Jesus does some of the things He does? If this is you (or someone you know), join us next Sunday as we continue our series and observe communion.
4. **Mission Trip Recap:** God did amazing things in El Salvador through our team this summer. Come and hear more about what God taught our team members and the work God is doing in this part of the world on Wednesday, July 8, from 6:30–7:30 pm.
5. **Family Water Night:** Mark your calendars for Family Water Night on Friday, July 10—inflatable water slides, hot dogs, ice cream, and more! A FREE event for the whole family! Use the QR code to volunteer for this event.

