**TROUBLED WATERS**

John 5:1-9 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep *market* a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. 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. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. 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? 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, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

# Pool vs. Jesus

## Most people talk about Jesus

### His divine intervention for the impotent man.

### I want to talk about this pool

# Setting the stage

## Sheep Market

### Sheep gate

#### These are likely the same sheep that were offered in sacrifice for sin at the temple

## Bethesda

### House of mercy

### For the afflicted

#### There was no fee

#### God’s mercy was free to all

### This was a well-known place because of the mass of people there.

### They all came for the same reason.

#### They needed healing

## An angel

### Divine intervention happened in this pool.

### An angle would trouble the waters and the first one in would be healed

### This could only have come from God

## Certain season

### There was a specific time that the angel came to trouble the waters

### It was a time appointed by God

### The angel always made an appearance at the direction of God.

## Trouble the waters

### Stir up the waters

### The placid pool would become boisterous and choppy

### The still waters would begin to ripple and move

### The first one into the pool at that time would be instantly healed of their disease

#### Did not matter the affliction they would be healed.

#### Healing and miracles took place at this pool.

## The infirm

### Anticipation - for the troubling

### Anxiety - after not getting in once or twice

### Apathy - after sitting for years without being able to get in

# Jesus Vs. The Pool

## There was a multitude in the porches

### They all needed healing.

### They all were there when Jesus arrived

### Jesus came to deliver healing to ONE man

#### We do not find record of Jesus healing anyone else at this pool

#### We do not even find record of Jesus talking to anyone else at the pool

#### But everyone there needed healing

## Our thinking vs. God’s thinking

### His ways are higher than our ways

### His thoughts are above our thoughts

#### Not everyone receives his or her miracle in the same way.

#### Some people there at the pool were meant to be healed by the pool.

#### Some people DID receive their healing from the pool

#### In fact the man was so focused on the pool that he never considered any other type of healing.

#### Sometimes we get so focused on instant healing or deliverance the way we want to see it happen that we forget God is sovereign and can do what He wants.

## Slow vs. fast

### Some people are instantly healed or delivered

### Others go through a process.

### One is not better than the other

### Each is sufficient for the person

# Troubled waters

## Angels

### Angel - could be pastor or preacher

#### Revelation 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God

## Certain Season

### Your trial may not end tomorrow

### You may have to endure a while

### But when a “certain season” comes around, your waters will be troubled.

#### Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

#### Your waters WILL be troubled, you WILL reap if you faint not. We’ve got a promise today

## Water

### Could be the Word of God

#### Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word

#### God uses the preacher in the Word, to trouble your waters.

#### You start feeling uncomfortable with the conviction

#### You start feeling your faith rise, God’s just troubling your waters

### God moves on the water for creation

#### Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

#### God moved on the face of the waters for creation to begin.

### It will be up to you to jump into what God has in store for you.

### Diving into troubled waters takes 2 things

#### Recognition

##### You must recognize when your waters are being troubled by God

#### Faith

##### It’s not always easy to dive into troubled waters

##### What looks like an insurmountable problem might be God troubling your waters.

##### Perhaps some self examination is needed as God has been dealing with you about some issues in your life (troubling your waters)

##### Stay close to the place of sacrifice and repentance, God will trouble the waters for you too.

### At the house of Mercy

#### Mercy is free for all today.

##### I feel God is already starting to trouble the waters for some people here.