

2017 Trumpet Awards Medley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtmgLIJ6THA>

“Jesus Said It” with Eddie James

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIzbfjS1nmE>

“Breakthrough” with Eddie James

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45UOFNCOOpk>

“Yes, Lord, Yes” by Shirley Caesar and with a Youth Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTPTWAZzpF8>

“I’m Looking For a Miracle” with the First Baptist Church of Glenarden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP8JLGuLDBg>

“God Wants a Yes” with the First Baptist Church of Glenarden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO7BSwgxkKo>

“Destiny” with Tina Campbell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Az5tH-E4OhY>

“Jesus Brought Me Out” with the First Baptist Church of Glenarden

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjdIHrcS1fo>

“Yes” with Shekinah Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vK47InW6EhY>

“Called to Be” with Jonathan Nelson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvnDJguLuGo>

“I Believe” with Jonathan Nelson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDLByAnQ93Q>

“Say Yes” with Michelle Williams and Destiny’s Church  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MZxf-lQD-o>

“One Word” with the Kurt Carr Singers  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLmzIDMf3wM>

“Speak Into My Life” with Micah Stampley  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82xYJntRQxk>

“I Believe God” with the Kurt Carr Singers  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNHICev4vHQ>  
with Kathy Taylor  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twW\\_q3Itf\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twW_q3Itf_s)

“Speak Lord” with Tamela Mann  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htrb\\_xhDoWo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htrb_xhDoWo)

“Order My Steps in Your Word” with the Alfred Street Mass  
Choir  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Hp6nodIQxc>

# **Doing What Jesus Tells Us to Do With Being Whole**

## ***John 5:1-19***

Praise the Lord! How’s it going? This week’s *John 5* Bible Study shows us how God’s Word puts us back together and becomes our daily bread. May we all follow God’s Word over our lives.

There was a man by the Pool of Bethesda who had been sick for 38 years. That was quite a long time. But there are also people around us who have been sick for that long. There are situations in our own lives that hurt us, delayed us, or cut our dreams short; and they still hurt us and define how we feel.

And sometimes it hurts all the more when other people around us are getting blessed and being celebrated. An angel visited the Pool of Bethesda on a regular basis and healed the first person to get into the pool when the angel troubled the water.

*John 5:7* described the man by the pool as an impotent man. He had no power. And many of us, like him, feel that in some or all areas of our lives, we are ruined. The man by the pool stopped trying to get to the edge of the pool himself. He believed that he could not get there alone. I don't know how often he tried. But he gave up on getting there himself.

Jesus saw the impotent man lying by the pool, and wanted to know if he wanted to be made whole. But all the man could think about was his powerlessness. *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, John 5:7.* How many times has Jesus spoken over our lives and all we do in response is to let God know how powerless we are?

“God, my life is ruined. This thing happened years ago and nothing good has happened since then.”

Some of us wish that that we could hear God say in response that things are not as bad as they look or feel. Some of us would love to hear God tell us that we will be whole right now.

But that is not what Jesus told the man with the infirmity for 38 years. Jesus told the man what to do with being whole. *Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk, Mark 5:8.*

Some of us need to hear that in order to be made whole. Jesus speaks to us not about being made whole. God will do that. Jesus speaks to us about what to do with being whole. Some of us need to hear God telling us to rise. Some of us need to hear God telling us to take up our beds to move from where we are. Some of us need to hear God telling us to walk in our purpose.

And some of us need to do it. Do it. Do it and rise. Do it and move from here. Do it and walk in your destiny.

But just remember that working with being whole will look strange to some people. Working with being whole will offend some people and seem out of place. The man who had been infirm was carrying his bed, and *the Jews therefore said to him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day; it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed, John 5:10.*

But the man who was made whole had an answer for why he could not stop walking forward. *He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed and walk, John 5:12.* The man didn't know who Jesus was yet. But he knew what Jesus said and did, and he would follow Jesus' Word over his life. The man wanted to do what Jesus said he should do, no matter how it looked and how much he knew about Jesus. The man who made him whole told him to move ahead and walk; and that is what he would do.

He would do what Jesus said, and so should we.

But really? How many of us who walk in great blessings seek out God and everything that Jesus says over our lives? How many of us who have been whole seek out the House of God to learn more about what God says to us?

Jesus found the man who had been made whole in the House of God. The man made whole was in the temple. Jesus *said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee, John 5:14.*

I have never heard of anybody in any of my worlds or in human history who could claim to set us free from sin. Jesus claimed that for us and delivered. I don't know how the man made whole knew Jesus. But right after Jesus told him about being set free from sin, the man made whole *departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus which had made him whole, John 5:15.*

The Jews persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Jesus. But Jesus put His life, the Sabbath, and our lives into context the same way that Jesus would put human possibility into context on the cross. Jesus explained that Jews rested on the Sabbath Day because God rested on the Seventh Day after creating the world; and God instructed us to rest so. When we Sabbath, we are simply following what God did. We are also resting on this holy convocation day to quiet ourselves and hear and see and feel God clearly enough to follow Him throughout the rest of the week. The Sabbath was and is about getting in tune to follow God. And that is exactly why Jesus could make the infirm man whole on the Sabbath. Jesus had followed God enough to know God's healing work whenever God encountered illness. Jesus said, "*The Son of man can do nothing of himself, but what He seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise, John 5:19.*

May we follow God. May we follow what God says about our lives. We might be stuck on how ruined our lives look. We might be stuck on how powerless we feel. And we might even be stuck on how out of place moving ahead might look. We might even be stuck on what other people think about us moving in our destinies. But we can choose to follow the God who looks beyond our brokenness to see what wonderful things we can do with being whole. We can choose to follow the God who made us whole and gave us new life. Jesus said if over us, and this is what we will believe.

Have a wonderful week!

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