



## BEING A HELP TO THE FATHER'S WORK

*John 5:1-18*

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Good morning Church! Jesus followed up with this man in a way that we as believers should learn from. Our desire shouldn't be just seeing people saved and that's it, but to see people's lives changed and grow. Are You being disciplined correctly? Are you growing spiritually? Have you made yourself available to obey God's Word when he says to you about "making disciples" in others?

### **John 5:1-18**

*"After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. **3** In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. **5** One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" **7** The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." **8** Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." **9** And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. **10** So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." **11** But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'" **12** They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" **13** Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. **14** Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." **15** The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. **16** And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. **17** But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." **18** This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God."*

### **1. The OBJECT of our Faith is JESUS. (v 11-13)**

- The REASON of our ministry is disciple-MAKING.

## 2. The PROJECT of our Faith is MINISTRY. (v 14-16)

- The RESULT of our ministry is disciple-MATURING.

*“You have been made well. Sin no more”*

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

- The REALITY of our ministry is disciple — MULTIPYING.

## 3. To SUSTAIN our Faith is to GROW in our Relationship with CHRIST.

Does your life consist of CHRIST? Are you a part of the work that God is doing and helping it grow or stunting its growth?

### Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.***

*Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*