

Membership † Discipleship † Leadership

Hebrews 10:24-25 *“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching”*

I am a member of _____.

“belonging to a congregation of believers who assemble themselves to be edified by faith that they may be fully equipped to do the works of God”

“TAP into it”

Saved by God’s Grace for God’s Glory

Proverbs 4:7 *“Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding”*

Are you tired of lying stagnant? Does the same chaotic condition have you feeling overwhelmed and helpless? Are you tired of waiting on others to help? In John 5:1-15 we learn of those who assembled at the Pool of Bethesda waiting for the stirring of the water. Whoever tapped into the water was made well. This is the same reason why most people assemble in the church. They are waiting on others to stir up love and good works. They want to experience living waters that spring up into everlasting life (John 4:7-15). A certain man had been overlooked for thirty-eight years. However, Jesus saw him and asked “Do *you* want to be made well?”

I. **Think for yourself!** The man’s first response was to shift the blame. He said “I have no one..... others go before me”. We must consider that the man was sick and had been lying by the pool waiting to be healed for a long time. For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he (Proverbs 23:7). Jesus said to him “Rise, take up your bed (**b**urdens, **e**ntitlement-issues, **d**espair) and walk”. The Bible says that immediately, he was made well. He had to change his way of thinking. Acts 26:2 says “I think myself happy, because today I shall answer for myself”. This week meditate on Philippians 4:8 and note if you experienced a shift in your thought process. _____

-Don’t let yourself get discouraged if you don’t see your life transforming right away....Spiritual healing and growth rarely happens overnight. IT’S THE INTENTION BEHIND THE WORK THAT MATTERS!!! -D. King

Romans 12:2 “. . . be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

II. **Adjust your Attitude!** Don't focus on the complaints and criticism. Jesus knew it was the Sabbath when he healed him of his infirmities. Everyone will not be excited about your deliverance. *Some* people will judge you and treat you based on your condition. We can't adopt their attitudes. Some will hinder and some will help. We must adjust our attitudes and appreciate the living water that only Jesus can give. When God heals us, He does not seek the opinion of man. When we fail to adjust our attitudes, we may be the very ones hindering our healing. When Naaman had to wash in the waters of the Jordan River, he was frustrated because of his entitlement issues. He was a great, honorable, and mighty man of valor in the eyes of his master. He had an attitude of rage when his request for cleaner waters was denied. Naaman had to wash seven times in the Jordan River before he was restored (2 Kings 5:1-19). What is your attitude towards God while you wait or when your requests are denied? _____

III. **Prepare for your Purpose!** God desires for you to be well. Everything that He does serves a purpose. Often times, we're waiting on God when God is waiting on us. We all have a specific purpose to fulfill. The common purpose that we all share is the desire to sin no more and tell others about Jesus (John 5:14-15). Rise because you believe. Take up your bed and walk so that you can become. Don't forget to tell others who made you well!

Psalm 119:11 “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	What verse had the most impact? ex: Leviticus 19:2 “You shall be holy...”
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 19-21	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 22-24	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Leviticus 25-27	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Numbers 1-3	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Numbers 4-6	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Numbers 7-9	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Numbers 10-12	

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