

Under Truth's Gaze, Part 2: Choosing to Get Well

John 5:1-17 – St. Andrew's Anglican Church * Feb. 20, 2005

John 14:6 - (Jesus said) "I am... the truth..."

Common dangers on the way to God's best for you...

Danger #1 - Being defined by your PROBLEMS.

John 5:5 – (Jesus asked) - "Do you want to get well?"

John 5:7 - - "Sir...I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

Eph. 3: - With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

John 5:8, 9 - Jesus said... "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁻⁹⁻ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

Choice: Focus on Christ not your LIMITATIONS

Danger #2 – Ignoring the GRACE OF GOD.

John 5:9b-13 - The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ⁻¹⁰⁻ and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." ¹¹⁻ But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" ¹²⁻ So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?" ¹³⁻ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

Isaiah 35:6 - Then will the lame leap like a deer...

Matt 5:45b - He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

1 Chronicles 29:14 – (King David's Prayer) "...Everything comes from you (God)..."

Romans 2:4 (NCV) ...Perhaps you do not understand that God is kind to you so you will change your hearts and lives.

Choice: Notice EVIDENCE of God's grace in your life.

Danger #3 – Preferring SIN to SALVATION.

John 5:14-15 - Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." ¹⁵⁻ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

Proverbs 9:7b (NLT) - Anyone who rebukes the wicked will get hurt.

Prov. 13:19 (GNB) - Stupid people refuse to turn away from evil.

Choice: Turn from all KNOWN SIN and SURRENDER to Christ.

Translation key: Unless noted, all verses are from the New International Version.
NCV = New Century Version; GNB = Good News Bible; NLT = New Living Translation.