

"Experiencing A Revival Change" - John 5:1-16

INTRODUCTION: Do you want a CHANGE, or are you COMFORTABLE?

5:1 – Jesus always went to the Feasts.

5:2 – "**Sheep Gate**" – Jesus, the "**Lamb of God**".

- "**Bethesda**" = 'House of Mercy'.

5:3-4 – A superstition, legend, rumor ... a FALSE HOPE!

5:5 – He had been HELPLESS a long time!

5:6 – "**knew**" – Jesus sees your pain.

- Jesus seeks him out – **5:13**, **Luke 19:10**, **1 John 4:19**

- The question seems silly! Why ask such a question?

1) Jesus wants him to ADMIT he has a problem.

2) Jesus wanted him to CHOOSE healing over hurting.

2) Jesus wants him to see what he's doing ISN'T WORKING.

- Do you REALLY want a change?

- Is it you CAN'T be changed, or WON'T change? **Phil. 4:13**

5:7 – He doesn't answer Jesus' question – COMPLAINS!

- Excuses show an unwillingness to get help.

- We want to blame everybody ... but ourselves!

- Jesus wants to meet you at your "pool".

5:8 – Jesus by-passes the "pool rules".

- What this man was doing, wasn't working ... he'd been looking in the wrong place.

- We must walk in the strength & power of Jesus – **Rom. 8:37**

- You CAN'T, but Jesus CAN.

5:9 – He could remain lame, or take Jesus at His word.

5:10 – There will always be opposition to change ... salvation, revival.

- When it seems hopeless ... focus on Jesus!

5:11 – "*Jesus said it, so I did it!*"

5:12-13 – Eternity is much longer than earthly suffering.

5:14 – Jesus found him in the "**Temple**"!

- The spiritual is more important than the physical.

5:15 – He had a positive testimony, giving Jesus the credit.

5:16 – We, too, often leave Jesus out of our life.

CONCLUSION:

- Do you really want to receive the change Jesus has for you?

- Are you still at the "pool"?

- Turn to the One who can do something about your need.

- Follow Jesus' plan.