

“Trust and Obey”

John 5:1-15

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Introduction: Growing up in church was a good thing for me. Seeds were planted that I did not realize then, but am thankful for now. One of the hymns that we often sang was “Trust and Obey.” I still remember the chorus: “Trust and obey for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.” I still remember the page number in the hymnal (page 447).

Those three words “trust and obey” are the secret to living the Christian life and enjoying the journey. God wants you to go to heaven, and to enjoy the journey getting there. There are many Christians that are not enjoying the journey.

In our Scripture today, we see a miracle that Jesus performed. In the miracle, we learn a great lesson.

Text: John chapter 5

- By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle John chose seven of the Lord’s miracles.
- Jesus did many other miracles that are not written in this book (John 20:30-31).
- The Greek word *semeion* is translated in our English Bibles as “signs” or “miracle.”
- It means a “miracle with a message” or a “miracle with a meaning.”

Illustration: Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, said, “Every parable Jesus spoke was a miracle of instruction and every miracle that Jesus performed was a parable of instruction.

- There is a meaning (a message) in the miracles that Jesus performed.

- We should believe in miracles, but trust in Jesus.

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What is the message of Jesus' miracles?

1. The message is that Jesus Christ is God's answer to our deepest needs whatever they are.
- In Jesus' first miracle, He met the need of disappointment. They ran out of wine so Jesus turned water into wine (John 2:1-12).
 - In Jesus' second miracle, He meet the need of doubt when He healed the Nobleman's son. He gave the Nobleman assurance (John 4:46-54).
 - In the third miracle, Jesus used physical healing to point us to His ultimate healing—our spiritual healing.

The multitude of sick people we read about in John chapter 5 represents mankind spiritually. The Bible tells us that they were physically sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed (3). What a true picture of mankind today spiritually.

One of the sick who had been lame for thirty-eight years experienced instant physical healing (9). How? He trusted and obey what Jesus said (8).

It is interesting that the man "walked about" so others could see the change he had experienced (9).

Not only that, he went to the temple to thank God (14).

Then he told the people it was Jesus that had made him well (15).

Conclusion:

1. How do we experience spiritual healing? We trust and obey God's words. What does God say?

1. God says that He loves us (John 3:16).
2. God says that we are sinners (Romans 3:23).
3. God says that He paid our sin debt on the cross (Romans 5:8).
4. God says that our part is to choose Him (Romans 10:13).

Invitation: Once you have been spiritually healed, then like the man in John 5, let others know what Jesus has done for you.