

MPBC 2008 June/July Pastor's Letter

When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time [in that case], he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. John 5:6-8

You're the man/woman at the pool of Bethesda! (That's right I said it!)

You have everything you need! You have all the resources you need. You have the power of the resurrected Christ, the ultimate source for all that pertains to life and living. You are seasoned and experienced. You are young and intelligent. You have a cosmic cobweb of companionship, cooperation, and community that offer you a strong safety net of spiritual support!

The real question that Jesus asks, if I may contemporize it is, "Do you **really** want to get up?" Do you really want things to be different? Are you really tired of the status quo? Are you really disgruntled, disgusted, and disappointed as you look out and peruse the perimeters that constitute your life?

If you want to get up, Jesus always has good news! Aren't you glad about that? Notice what Jesus doesn't do. Jesus doesn't touch the man, pray, preach, or sing. The only assistance Jesus offers him is the power of His word. So, this is what you do, if you're going to get out of whatever situation you feel has you flat on your back.

First of all, **Get disciplined** especially as it pertains to the word of God! Carve out time on a regular basis to read, meditate, and listen to God speak to you. Do the things you know you need to do. Start the process of preparation and proactivity, meaning start living with your future and eternal destination in mind. Remember, if you do what you have to do, you can do what you want to do!

Get going! Stop blaming other people for your personal pitiful plight, stop relying on messed up people just like you to help you out of your mess. In other words, stop looking without, when all you need is within. All your changes aren't externally evident. The word repent is first of all a change of mind. It is a decision to go in a different direction than you're headed. People can't see the personal and private process that is taking place in your life, but they will be able to see the public product. Whatever you're going to do, whoever you're going to be, wherever you're going to end up, depends on the momentum of your motivation! Ain't nothing to it but to do it! Why you? Somebody's got to do it!

Get Up! Stop procrastinating! The longer you wait to do what you know needs to be done, the longer you'll be in your current condition. One definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting a different result. If you always do, what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got. No more waiting, hesitating,

contemplating, deliberating, and meditating. It's time to activate, participate, and celebrate! Rise up! No more lying around waiting for a special word from the Lord. You have the word. You know the word. You just haven't acted on it! You can declare, like the old cartoon character, He-Man in the Battle of Grayskull, "I have the Power!" Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world! I have the power! I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me! I have the power! No weapon that is formed against me shall be able to prosper! I have the power! If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move mountains. Mountains, enemies, haters, naysayers, backstabbers, sickness, depression, laziness, tradition, besetting sin, mother, father, sister, brother, employer, manager, supervisor, negativity, procrastination, drama.....GET OUT OF MY WAY!!!

Well, I feel better now! I hope you do too!

Be blessed!

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