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Message Series "Signs"

## When You Need a Change

## John 5:1-15

<sup>1</sup> After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades.<sup>3</sup> In these lay a multitude of invalids-blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" 7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed." <sup>11</sup> But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk."<sup>12</sup> They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" <sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. <sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

## How this miracle was different

• • How it was the same When You Need a Change

(What to do when you've fallen and you can't get up)

## Three Key Elements to a Changed Life

✓ A crazy question:

✓ A "lame" excuse:

✓ An impossible instruction:

- ... and Three Key Lessons for Life Change
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