

Hope Renewed John 5:1-15

I. False hope John 5:1-5

A. A place of false hope (1-3)

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

B. A belief in false hope (4,5)

4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. 5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.

II. Faith provides Biblical hope John 5:6-9

A. The question (6)

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”

B. The answer (7)

7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

C. The command (8,9)

8 Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

III. Faith empowers our hope John 5:10-15

A. Hope quenched by religion (10-13)

10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.”

B. Hope is restored without fanfare (11-13)

11 He answered them, “He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’” 12 Then they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that place*.

C. Hope leads to a consecrated life (14,15)

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.” 15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

1. Committed to community (14a)

2. Committed consecration (14b)

3. Committed to share about Christ (15)

Conclusion

1. What false hope have we held onto?
2. Biblical hope starts with putting our faith in Christ.
3. Biblical hope sustains our faith walk.