

Words of Life.

Oct. 25th & 26th, 2025



Read John 4:43-5:15.

1. In **John 4:43-5:15** Jesus encounters two men who are in desperate situations. Have you ever found yourself in a situation like that where you were feeling desperate and hopeless?
2. In **John 4:48** Jesus expresses His frustration at the common attitude of demanding signs and wonders from Him. What do you think the difference is between that kind of miracle-seeking and a genuine prayer request asking God for a good gift?
3. John calls the healing of the official's son "the second sign" (**4:54**). What do these signs in John's Gospel point to, beyond the miracle itself?
4. In this week's passage, we saw that **Jesus' words bring healing and life**. Where in your own life have you experienced the power of His Word—either through Scripture or prayer—to bring healing, peace, or hope?

5. Compare the royal official and the man at the pool. How do their responses to Jesus reveal two very different kinds of hearts?

6. Have you ever been tempted to think, "If God would just do this one thing, then I'd really trust Him"? How does this passage challenge that way of thinking?

7. The man by the pool was focused only on his physical problem, but Jesus later warns the healed man, "Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." What might that teach us about the seriousness of sin compared to physical suffering? What are some ways we can make the same mistake—focusing on outward issues while ignoring our spiritual need?

8. **Agree or disagree:** If we believe in Jesus, we will receive healing, like the people in this story.

9. What would you say to a friend who said, "I think God is punishing me with this illness/trial/suffering because of some sin in my life." What questions would you ask? What Scriptures would you go to in order to help them process what they were going through?

10. **React to this statement:** Physical suffering should remind us of our ultimate destiny apart from the eternal life offered by Jesus. Physical healing can provide a foretaste of the ultimate healing of resurrection and New Creation.