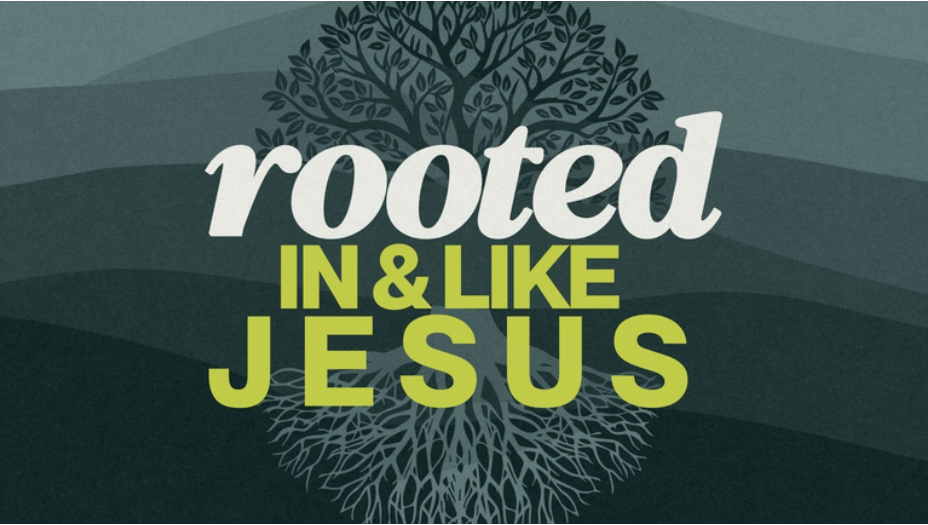




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The Focus of Our Faith

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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:31 NIV

When Jesus Comes to the Hopeless

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

John 5:1-3 NIV

What Do you Want?

One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

John 5:5-7 NIV

The Miracle Moment and the Master's Power

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

John 5:8-9 NIV

Eleven Ways That Jesus Healed in Scripture

1. By Speaking a Word – Jesus simply commanded healing
2. By Touching the Sick – He touched people with compassion and they were healed
3. By People Touching Him – Those who reached out to Him in faith received healing
4. By Laying on Hands – Jesus placed His hands on individuals as He healed them
5. By Casting Out Demons – He delivered people from demonic oppression that caused affliction
6. By Using Physical Means – On occasion He used mud or saliva as part of the miracle
7. By Healing at a Distance – Jesus healed without being physically present
8. In Response to Faith – Faith often accompanied and received His healing work
9. Out of Compassion – Many healings flowed from Jesus’ deep compassion for people
10. By Forgiving Before Healing – He sometimes addressed spiritual needs before physical ones
11. Both Instantly and Progressively – Most healings were immediate, though one occurred in stages

When a Mattress Becomes More Important Than a Miracle

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

John 5:9-13 NIV

Choosing Life in Jesus Over Sin and Brokenness

“Whatever dark tunnel we may be called upon to travel through, God has been there. Whatever deep waters seem about to drown us, He has traversed. Faith is not merely ‘feeling good about God’ but a conscious choice, even in the utter absence of feelings or external encouragements, to obey His Word when He says, ‘Trust me.’”

Elisabeth Elliot

Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

John 5:14-15 NIV

Am I looking at the water while Jesus is standing near me?

Has my disappointment in the delay caused me to lose hope?

Am I making excuses for why I am not responding in faith in my situation?

Have I become more concerned about my religious tradition or my own ability?

Have I experienced the power of Jesus through His saving and transforming grace to save and to heal?

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

John 21:25 NIV