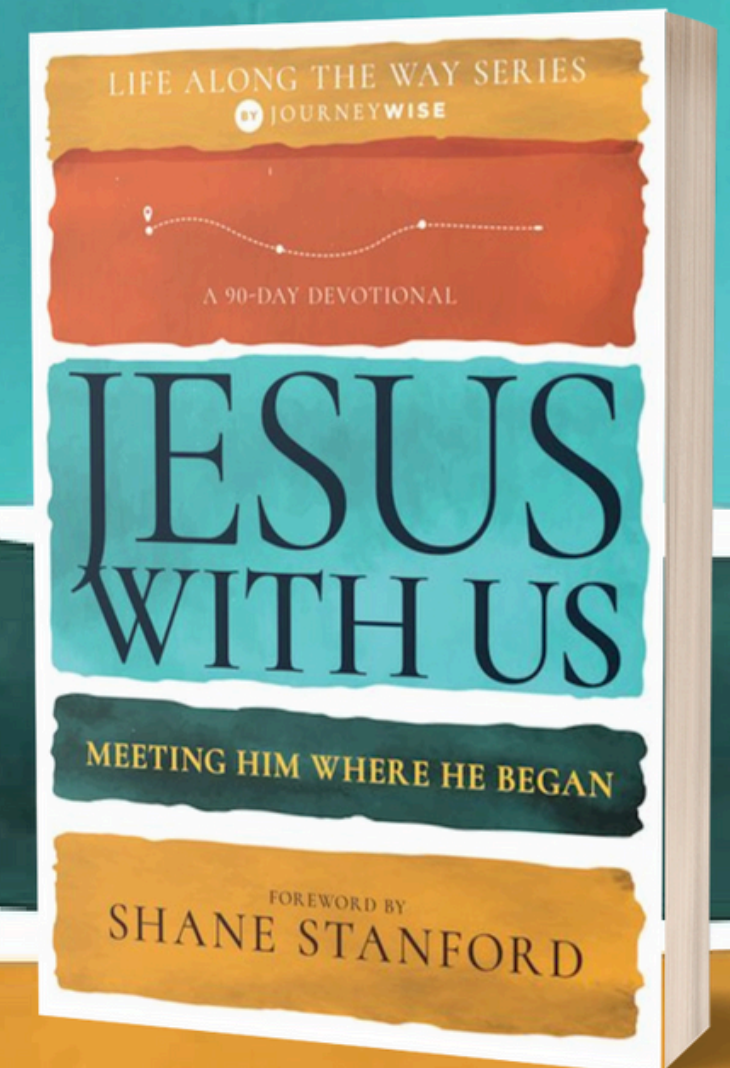


JOURNEY WITH US AS WE
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*What stood out to you in
your reading this week?*



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Week 8, Day 51

Healing at the Pools of Bethesda

Read: *John 5:1-9*

Jesus perpetually tested the boundaries of permissibility. In this passage, we find Jesus in the wrong place, doing the wrong thing, on the wrong day. John's intent is for us to understand this truth: Jesus' fidelity to His mission trumped all other considerations.



S T O P & D I S C U S S

What does it say about Jesus that he finds himself in this place, on this day, for the sake of this man?

Has there been a moment you found yourself outside your comfort zone?

STOP & DISCUSS

What is a difficulty – physically, emotionally, relationally, spiritually – that you have walked through or are presently walking through? Reflect on the realities and learnings from the challenging journey.

When Jesus asks if the man wants to be well, his response is an excuse. What excuses do we make for why we cannot experience healing?

**This man has moved beyond hope. Why is hope so essential to us in this life?
Today, if Jesus were to ask you right now, from what do you wish to be made well?**



Live it

Two options: one reflective and one missional. Find a true confidant and share with them from what you desire healing. Ask them to join you in praying for the next week. Second option: Jesus calls us to follow him as he leads us out of our comfort zone. This week find a way to be intentionally inconvenienced.

Next Week's Readings:

Days 57 - 63



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Week 9, Day 62

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Read: *Matthew 5:4*

STOP & DISCUSS

What is a big thing or moment you have mourned? What is a small thing or moment you have mourned?

In what ways were the experiences the same? In what ways were they unique or different?

Attach one of the original meanings to your two experiences. Would you describe them as mourning, grieving or wailing?

STOP & DISCUSS

Ask each person to name one worldly brokenness causes them to mourn?

What do you think Jesus means when he teaches that God blesses us when we mourn the brokenness of our world?

STOP & DISCUSS

Look up **2 Corinthians 7:5-7**. Discuss how Paul was encouraged in his difficult time.

Look up **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**. Discuss how Paul encourages the Thessalonians. What truth does he lift up for them?

Look up **John 16:7-11**. Discuss how Jesus told his followers that they would be encouraged.



Live it

The parallel verse to **Matthew 5:4** in **Luke** is **6:21**. It reads, “God blesses you who weep now for in due time you will laugh. Weeping/laughing, blessing/mourning--they don’t go together. God blesses you who weep now for in due time you will laugh. If you are mourning today, you are not alone--Jesus sends his Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to you in your mourning. Hold on, the God of all comfort wants to and is comforting you. If you are not mourning in this season of your life, maybe God wants you to be an instrument of His comfort to someone who is. Think of a practical way that you can offer comfort to someone today and do it!

Next Week's Readings:

Days 64 - 70