



## **jesUS: God's Love Compels US**

### **Three Compelling Things Jesus Asks of US**

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**SERIES TEXT:** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for US. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16 NIV

**SERIES BIG IDEA:** God's love compels US. Since God so loved US, we also ought to love one another.

#### ***John 5:1-15 TPT:***

- 1) From Galilee, Jesus returned to Jerusalem to observe one of the Jewish feasts.
- 2) Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, there is a pool called in Aramaic, The House of Loving Kindness, surrounded by five covered porches.
- 3) Hundreds of sick people were lying under the covered porches – the paralyzed, the blind, and the crippled – all of them waiting for their healing.
- 4) For an angel of God periodically descended into the pool to stir the waters, and the first one who stepped into the pool after the waters swirled would instantly be healed.
- 5) Among the many sick people lying there was a man who had been disabled for thirty-eight years.
- 6) When Jesus saw him lying there, he knew that the man had been crippled for a long time. Jesus said to him, "DO YOU TRULY LONG TO BE WELL?"
- 7) The sick man answered, "SIR, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GET HEALED, FOR I HAVE NO ONE to lower me into the water when the angel comes. As soon as I try to crawl to the edge of the pool, someone else jumps in ahead of me."
- 8) Jesus said to him, "Stand up! Pick up your sleeping mat and you will walk!"
- 9) Immediately he stood up – he was healed! So he rolled up his mat and walked again! Now Jesus worked this miracle on the Sabbath.
- 10) When the Jewish leaders saw the man walking along carrying his sleeping mat, they objected and said, "What are you doing carrying that? Don't you know it's the Sabbath? It's not lawful for you to carry things on the Sabbath!"
- 11) He answered them, "THE MAN WHO HEALED ME TOLD ME TO PICK IT UP AND WALK."
- 12) "What man?" they asked him. "Who was this man who ordered you to carry something on a Sabbath?"
- 13) But the healed man couldn't give them an answer, for he didn't yet know who it was, since Jesus had already slipped away into the crowd.
- 14) A short time later, Jesus found the man at the temple and said to him, "LOOK AT YOU NOW! YOU'RE HEALED! WALK AWAY FROM YOUR SIN SO THAT NOTHING WORSE WILL HAPPEN TO YOU."
- 15) Then the man went to the Jewish leaders to inform them, "It was JESUS who HEALED ME!"
- 16) From that day forward the Jewish leaders began to persecute Jesus because of the things he did on the Sabbath.

## THREE COMPELLING THINGS JESUS ASKS OF US

### I. Will You **Admit and Commit**? *Do you truly long to be well?* (v. 6)

- ADMIT you are sin-sick
- “Your soul is sick; your inability to walk the Christian walk joyfully is a sign of disease.” - Andrew Murray, *The Ministry of Intercession*
- COMMIT to forsaking self-centeredness and surrendering your will to Jesus
- “Listen to Christ’s words: ‘Wilt thou be made whole?’ He can give you soul-health... My brother and sister, if you are willing, speak it out: ‘Lord! At any price, I will!’ It is Christ’s will to make you clean and whole. But you must will it also.” - Andrew Murray, *The Ministry of Intercession*

### II. Will You **Believe and Receive**? *Sir, there’s no way I can get healed, for I have no one...* (v. 7)

- BELIEVE that Jesus can heal and wants to help you
- “Christ wants us to look up to Him as our Helper. ‘I have no man to put me in,’ must be our cry.” - Andrew Murray, *The Ministry of Intercession*
- RECEIVE Jesus’ help and accept His gift of healing
- “He who accepts the life of unceasing dependence on Christ, as life and health and strength, is made whole.” - Andrew Murray, *The Ministry of Intercession*

### III. Will You **Confess and Progress (not Regress)**? *Walk away from your sin so that nothing worse will happen to you.* (v. 14)

- CONFESS your sin
- Remember, too, that knowing what is right to do and then not doing it is sin. James 4:17 TLB
- If we CONFESS [all] our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 KJV
- “God’s covenant is always: Give all and take all.” - Andrew Murray, *The Ministry of Intercession*
- PROGRESS; refuse to regress
- “Stop sinning.” - Jesus, John 5:14 NIV
- “God never speaks to His people about sin except with the purpose of saving them from it. *The same light that shows the sin will show the way out of it.*” - Andrew Murray, *The Ministry of Intercession*

#### SALVATION PRAYER:

*Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

