

The Magic of Mercy

Part 2: When I'm Disappointed



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Definition

Mercy is undeserved forgiveness
and unearned kindness.

When do I need God's mercy?
I need God's mercy when I'm disappointed.

A Disappointed Man (John 5:2-9)

In Jerusalem, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, which was surrounded by five covered porches. A large crowd of all sorts of disabled people would lie by the pool, waiting for a miracle. For there was a legend that every once in a while, an angel would stir up the water, and whoever was the first to get in the water would get healed. One poor man had been waiting by the pool for 38 years.

Three Pivotal Questions

1. What's your _____?

When Jesus saw this man and heard that he had been lying there for such a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

"Sir," the man replied, "I have no one to help me get into the pool! While I'm trying to get there, somebody else always gets there ahead of me!"

2. Who are you _____?

"While I'm trying to get there, somebody else always gets there ahead of me!"

3. Who do you _____?

Then Jesus simply said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and start walking!" When the man trusted Jesus, he was immediately able to walk again.

God's mercy makes the _____ !

What is impossible with men is possible with God! (Luke 18:27)

As you get to know Jesus better, He will give you, through His great power, everything you need for living a truly great life. (2 Peter 1:3)

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