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Message Series: *"(be)loved: no matter what"*

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Message-based Study

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Connection

From what you know of the Bible, which of Jesus' miracles do you think is most amazing?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

The MIRACLES of Jesus confirm His MESSAGE.

Ask yourself "What do I do with these miracles?" as you read about them in the Bible. Read **John 5:1-18** with this question in mind.

The Man Experiences a Miracle - John 5:1-9

1. Imagine the setting Jesus walked into that day. What types of ailments may have been represented there and what emotions would have been felt by these suffering people?

Why do you think Jesus chose this place for a miracle?

2. Jesus asks a question of the man (vs. 6). Write it here: _____

Why do you think Jesus asked this?

The familiarity of failure can become more powerful than an unknown future of freedom. How was this the case for the paralyzed man?

What is an area of brokenness in your life that you have settled for, not expecting it to ever improve?

3. In verse 8 Jesus tells the man to "stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" If you were healed from the brokenness in your life, what would "standing up" look like for you?

The Pharisees Respond to the Miracle - John 5:9-18

4. Verse 9 specifies, "But this miracle happened on the _____." The original intent of the Sabbath was for the people to focus on rest and worship. How had the Pharisees distorted this? And what had the man done that the Pharisees found offensive?

What two things do the Pharisees take issue with Jesus about in verse 18?

5. Jesus' miracle sheds light on His message. What messages do you think are in this miracle?

After this miracle, Jesus makes many claims about Himself in the following verses. Read John 5:19-24 and list the things Jesus says about Himself:

Commitment

Do you know Christ? Do you know Jesus not just as a historical figure and a good teacher, but as your personal Savior? ___ Yes ___ No

In John 5:24 Jesus says,

"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

Do you want to get well? In what area of your life do you suffer pain of brokenness and need Jesus' healing?

What is your next step? What next right thing can you do to move toward healing?

I will _____ .



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

Listen with care as your friends and loved ones express areas in their lives where they suffer from brokenness. If there's opportunity, speak a word about how Jesus is in the process of helping you overcome the struggles you have.