

"THIS COULD BE YOU!"

(Counseling from the Pulpit - Session Twelve)
(John 5:1-15)

Introduction: This is a true story, but also an {example} (I Corinthians 10:11).

I. THIS MAN HAD AN {INFIRMITY} WITH CRIPPLING AFFECTS

*John 5:5 *Matthew 18:7 *Hebrews 12:15 *Ephesians 4:26-27
*Ephesians 4:31-32 *Romans 12:21 *John 5:6 *Isaiah 54:17
*Romans 8:34-37 *Ephesians 6:12-13 *Philippians 3:13

1. This (infirmity) was from an undisclosed source?
2. {Jesus} asked a very convicting question!

C.S. Lewis: "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable in others, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

II. THIS MAN HAD AN {INADEQUATE} FOCUS FOR HIS HELP

*John 5:7 *Jeremiah 17:5 *Jeremiah 17:7 *Luke 15:13-18
*John 5:8-9 *Psalm 121:1-2 *Psalm 46:1 *Psalm 142:4-5
*Philippians 4:19 *Exodus 20:5 *James 1:17 *Isaiah 42:8

1. This man's focus was on {man}.
2. This man's help was {God}.

Conclusion: Jesus gave this man a stern {warning}! (John 5:14)