

**SERIES:** *why?*

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**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, July 23-24, 2022

**SERMON:** Why Jesus First?

**SCRIPTURE:** John 5:1-13 NIV

[1] Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.

[2] Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.

[3] Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

[5] One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

[6] When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

[7] “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

[8] Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”

[9] At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

[10] and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

[11] But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

[12] So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

[13] The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

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**1. Because we do not have to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- He has given us the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_.
- He has given us His Word, the \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Because He can move us past \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Those things do not always go away but God helps us \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**3. Because He tells us the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- He doesn't always tell us what we \_\_\_\_\_ to hear, but what we \_\_\_\_\_ to hear.
- With God, truth is not a \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Because He changes things for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- He offers \_\_\_\_\_.
- He makes us \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Week 4 of "Did you know?"** In the three previous weeks we pointed out *Support Groups, Resources, and Service Opportunities* - this is the final week and we will look at **Missions**.

God wants His Word to "speed on and triumph" all around the world as it did in *2 Thessalonians 3:1*. Here are a few ways we have to reach out locally and care for people around us, and to help them know the love of Christ.

## **Samaritan Center**

We partner with the Samaritan Center for benevolence needs. This is a Christian organization offering emergency assistance with food for those in our community who are in need - and with limited assistance for utilities, rent/mortgage, transportation, & medicines that may be provided in some circumstances. The hope and purpose is that with God's grace we may be able to assist those people in need on their path back to self-sufficiency. If you are interested in helping through donations or volunteering, contact Pastor Glynn Robinson at [grobinson@fbccov.org](mailto:grobinson@fbccov.org)

## **Sewing Servants**

The Sewing Servants are a large group of women who meet each Monday in the ROC. They are mission oriented and make a wide variety of items that are used in Operation Christmas Child, sent to Uganda to aid the women and children with clothing and personal care items, help local ministries with blankets, as well as take items and food to areas hard hit by disaster. This is a very versatile group who loves the Lord, loves people, and loves to fellowship. If you would like more information please call Barb Kellar at 985-630-3812 or [bkellar@bellsouth.net](mailto:bkellar@bellsouth.net)

## **Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Team**

The Disaster Relief Team is organized through the Louisiana Southern Baptist and offers assistance following disasters in our area, as well as our neighboring states. They do chainsaw and fallen tree removal, debris cleanup, cooking & feeding, mudouts following floods, and give emotional and spiritual support to those left in the wake of disaster. If you are interested in more information or joining the team, contact Pastor Glynn Robinson at [grobinson@fbccov.org](mailto:grobinson@fbccov.org)

## **Upward**

Upward Sports is a Christian based sports league for children who practice and play on the FBC Cov sports fields. Please check our website [fbccov.org](http://fbccov.org) for information and children sign-up. If you are interested in becoming a coach for flag football or cheerleading, please contact Pastor Josh Jordan at [jjordan@fbccov.org](mailto:jjordan@fbccov.org)

