

Sermon Review
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“What’s The Hold Up?”

Scripture: John 5: 1-9

Whenever any of us don't get what we want when we want it, and presumably we've waited an appropriate amount of time, the question becomes what's the hold up. Most of us don't do to well with waiting. We want, what we want, and we want it when we want it, and to be quite frank, I want what I want and I want it now. Patience is a virtue and often times we don't have as much of it as we need. The story of the lame man at the pool for 38 years is a story of more than one perspective. We want to believe that for sure he should have been able to have someone to help him in the water after the angel had stirred it. But as it goes apparently he didn't. We must acknowledge his faith had allowed him to stay there that long and indeed his faith ultimately won out. His conversation says after Jesus command him, he did pick up his bed and walk. However, the question does arise as to whether he had allowed excuses to keep him in a paralyzed state at the pool. Had he become comfortable in a state of dependency and had settled in his paralyze position. He had an excuse, when he said I've tried to get in the water, but someone always steps in front of me. Fortunately, thank God he did not give up and Jesus did impact him in such a way that he did walk. Jesus does that. He impacts our lives and makes the difference and our lives are never the same. Let's not make excuses, let's keep our faith and acknowledge that we ourselves are sometimes our own hold up. For God has proven time and time again that His love for us never stops and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Be Blessed.

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