



Believing During a Season of Life Issues

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Intro: Whether you are a grade school student or a retired senior citizen, you will have “**Life Issues**”. Life Issue may be: I don’t like the lunch in my lunchbox / I’m having a hard time with my school assignments / I need a better paying job / I’m struggling with a bad medical report /

Pastor’s Series for August: Believe You Can Get Up Again

Series Summary:

1. Believing Beyond the **Crowd** (Has your environment limited your faith?)
2. Believing In Your **Responsibility** (What is your responsibilities? John 5:8-15)
3. Believing Past Your **Critics** (How do you respond to criticism? John 5:8–18)
4. Believing Enough to **Never Return** (Have you returned to a bad habit? John 5:14–15)

John 5

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, ^[a]Bethesda, having five porches. ³ In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, ^[b]paralyzed, ^[c]waiting for the moving of the water. ⁴ For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. ⁵ Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” ⁷ The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

Question - Do You Really Want A Solution to Your Life Issue? John 5:6

When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”

- A. Some people desire a change
- B. Some people desire no change

Story of David defeating a giant named Goliath

I Samuel 18 ⁶ Now it had happened as they were coming home, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷ So the women sang as they danced, and said: “Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.” ⁸ Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. ⁹ So Saul eyed David from that day forward.



I. Life Issues of David

- A. David's Life Issues were initiated from a celebration (the song of the women)
- B. King Saul's jealousy of David led to hatred
- C. King Saul created various plans to get rid of David
- D. David dealt with this Life Issue daily

Psalm 34 (written by David during his Life Issues with King Saul)

- I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.
² My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.
³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.
⁴ I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

II. First Steps to Believing Through Life Issues

- A. Invite God in the process
- B. Trust God through the process
- C. Praise God throughout the process
- D. Be ready to accept God's answer may not be the answer you wanted

III. God Always Has A Solution to Your Life Issues

Psalm 34 NKJV.

- ¹⁷ *The righteous* cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord *is* near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit.
¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

IV. Simple Steps to Solving Life's Issues (learned from John 5 series for the month)

- A. Rise. (Get Up)
- B. Take Your Bed. (Pick up your responsibility)
- C. Walk (move forward)

Closing

Know that your heavenly Father sees you and hears your cry.

His question is, "Do you want to be made well?" Do you want a solution to your Life Issue?

Your Home
Your Kids
Your Work
Your Marriage
Your Body

Get Up / Pick up your Responsibility / Move Forward