

John 5:1-17

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**Bottom Line:**

Beyond acknowledging our need for change, we must identify the common barriers that hinder the transformation that God desires, and move forward by the power of the Holy Spirit!

1. **We must match Jesus' desire to transform us with a \_\_\_\_\_ that is \_\_\_\_\_ it.** John 5:1-6
2. **We must humbly identify the \_\_\_\_\_ to transformation in our lives.** John 5:7-10

*Jesus is unique in His ability to address:*

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ - "I'm not sure who has the qualifications to address my needs."
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ - "I may not be perfect but it's too hard/inconvenient to change."

*Common excuses hindering God's work in people's lives:*

- 1) *"I'm dealing with negative circumstances" – Jesus was focused on the state of his heart not the actions of others.*
- 2) *"It's not a good time" – Jesus was concerned with this present opportunity not a future uncertainty.*

3) *"I tried it in the past" – Jesus was fully present, like He is today, with His lifechanging power."*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ - "I know I should change... I know God wants me to change, but my heart prioritizes other things."

3. **We must have hearts of \_\_\_\_\_ for the ongoing work of God in our lives!** John 5:14-17

*Now what?*

1. I will follow and proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ of God passionately.
2. I will \_\_\_\_\_ by connecting and serving others selflessly.
3. I will \_\_\_\_\_ faithfully with faith in God's ability to answer.
4. I will enter into \_\_\_\_\_ wholeheartedly.
5. I will \_\_\_\_\_ boldly to those who are without Christ.