You Want To Be Changed? John 5:1-9, 14

We all need to make <u>SOME</u> changes in our lives.

Sometimes Changes we need can be <u>Hard</u> to achieve.

But the Reality is this...to Move Forward some things gotta' Change.

Today, we ask ourselves <u>Three Hard Questions</u>...

1. "DO I REALLY WANT TO BE CHANGED? (v. 6)

- It's <u>Possible</u> this man "Really" <u>Doesn't</u> want to Be <u>Changed</u>.
- To be <u>Healed</u> came with a certain amount of <u>RISK</u>.
- Some people will go to Extraordinary <u>Lengths</u> to <u>Avoid Changes</u>.
- The question <u>Jesus</u> <u>asks</u>, that <u>Seems</u> so <u>Ridiculous</u>, was <u>Relevant</u> for HIM & for <u>US!</u>

2. "AM I WILLING TO STOP MAKING EXCUSES?" (v. 7)

- The CRY of the <u>Perpetual Victim</u> is, "It's NOT My <u>Fault!</u>"
- "Healthy people DO NOT MAKE EXCUSES."
- We Make <u>More Excuses</u> than we'd Like to <u>ADMIT</u>.
- It IS <u>Possible</u> to Break the Pattern of <u>Making Excuses</u>.
- <u>Change</u> is not possible until we <u>Admit</u> we have a <u>Problem</u>.

3. "AM I READY TO <u>ACT</u>?" (vv. 8-9)

- This paralyzed man could <u>Listen</u> to the Word of God & <u>IGNORE</u> it <u>OR</u> he could <u>Listen</u> to the Word of God & <u>OBEY</u> it.
- God wants you to Move FORWARD...but THIS is where Many People FAIL...
- Sometimes, you must <u>Cut off</u> any possibility of Going <u>BACKWARDS</u>. (v.14)
- When God Works a CHANGE IN us, He then can CHANGE others THROUGH us
- "TO CHANGE THE WORLD! Begin with YOURSELF."