MESSAGE NOTES - SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025



Jesus: The Son of God, The Son of Man

Bible Texts:

John 5:2–9

John 11:25–26

Key Scriptures:

John 5:2–9 (KJV)

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

John 11:25–26 (MSG)

"You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

Introduction

We often find ourselves in situations where we need help, while life may seem to be going just fine for others. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum, the unchanging truth remains: *This Earth is the Lord's, and everything in it belongs to Him.*

God has provided the help we need to navigate life on Earth—and that help is found in the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is our **sure and present help**, even when it seems like there is no one else to turn to.

The Root Problem and God's Solution

The fundamental problem of this present world began in the Garden of Eden. Humanity lost *The Life of God* when Adam and Eve disobeyed God's Word. This loss brought death—not merely physical death, but a spiritual death, the absence of God's Life.

God's one and only solution to this condition is **Jesus Christ**, the Messiah. He came to *restore* the Life of God to humanity.

Luke 19:9-10 (MSG):

Jesus said, "Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost."

Life and Death: From God's Perspective

It is foundational to understand that **trusting and believing in Jesus the Messiah is non-negotiable** if one is to receive the restored Life of God.

- Anyone who has not accepted Jesus is spiritually dead—lacking the Life of God.
- By extension, everything such a person does is also *void of true life*.

Conversely:

- Anyone who has accepted Jesus has real life—they possess the Life of God.
- And therefore, everything such a person does is filled with life!

Why We Must Listen to Jesus

Since Jesus restores the Life of God in us, our families, businesses, communities, and even our nations, we must give Him our full attention. His **words carry life**.

John 6:61-65 (MSG):

"The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don't make anything happen. Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making."

We cannot come to Jesus by our own power. It is a **gift from the Father** to hear and respond to His voice.

The Story of the Healing at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1–47)

This story is not merely about the miraculous healing of a disabled man. It reveals deep truths about the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and how His Word **restores** the Life of God.

Key Elements:

- **Bethesda** in Hebrew and Aramaic means "House of Mercy" or "House of Grace."
- The **Pool** was believed to heal the first person who entered after the water was stirred.
- The **Man** had been waiting for healing for **38 years**.
- **Jesus** asked him, "Do you want to be healed?" The man answered, and Jesus healed him without him needing to enter the pool!
- **The Jews** criticized the man for carrying his mat on the Sabbath. He responded, "The man who made me well told me to!"

Foundational Lessons

1. Listen to Jesus

Once you encounter Jesus, you must learn to listen to whatever He tells you.

Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:7, Luke 9:35:

"This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to Him."

2. His Voice Brings Life

The voice of the Son of God and the authority of the Son of Man release life into us.

"Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making." — John 6:63

3. Will You Listen to His Voice?

If your answer is **YES**, then welcome to the world of the living! Your home, your work, your business, your vocation—they are all now **ALIVE** through the Life of God.

For God is the God of the living!

Summary

This message teaches that the core problem of the world is spiritual death—the absence of God's Life—caused by sin. The only solution is found in Jesus Christ, who came to restore that Life.

The story of the man at the pool of Bethesda demonstrates that **Jesus' word alone can bring healing and life**. Through Him, we are not only physically healed but spiritually restored.

Trusting and believing in Jesus is the only way to move from death to life. Every word He speaks brings life, and listening to Him is key to living a truly transformed life.

Choose life-choose Jesus.