# **From Helpless To Hopeful**

*"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13, English Standard Version* 

Though the man felt \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ turned his life around.

## John 5: A Man Without Help Finds Hope

- A. 5:1-3 The \_\_\_\_\_ at Bethesda was a place for people who needed \_\_\_\_\_. (Verses \_\_, \_\_\_ are not in the earliest texts.)
  B. 5:5-7 Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the man and \_\_\_\_\_ his condition. He had been disabled for \_\_\_\_\_ years, and had \_\_\_\_ one to help him.
- C. 5:8,9 Jesus told him to \_\_\_\_\_ up and \_\_\_\_\_ and he did! How quickly this man's life had been \_\_\_\_\_\_ around!

# When Life's Trials Leave Us Feeling Helpless

#### A. Keep a proper perspective when you're feeling down:

- 1. John 16:33 In the \_\_\_\_\_ we will have \_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ the world.
- 2. Romans 5:3-5 We can \_\_\_\_\_ in our sufferings because we know these make us \_\_\_\_\_, and God's \_\_\_\_\_ is with us.
- 3. Yancey: Instead of "Why \_\_\_\_?", ask "Why \_\_\_\_ me?"

#### B. Persevere through trials:

- 1. Philippians 4:13 Through \_\_\_\_\_\_ we can do \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- 2. Romans 8:31,32 God \_\_\_\_\_ us, and He will \_\_\_\_\_ give us \_\_\_\_\_ things.
- 3. Matthew 28:20 \_\_\_\_\_ promised to be \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_.

## C. Realize that hope is found only in Jesus:

- 1. Luke 4:18 Jesus' mission was directed to the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus invites those who \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_ laden to come to \_\_\_\_\_; He'll give you \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is a beacon of hope to many from other \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus stands as a greater beacon of hope.

God brought those who were in the darkness of a \_\_\_\_\_ to light. He can do the same for those who feel \_\_\_\_\_ today.

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