



SV LIFE RECOVERY MEETING

TRY - HARD

OCTOBER 13th, 2021

- **John 5:1-15**

ARE YOU TIRED OF TRYING?

¹Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ²Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁴^[b] ⁵One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ⁷“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” ¹¹But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” ¹²So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?” ¹³The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. ¹⁴Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

WHAT HAVE YOU TRIED?

- **Romans 1:28**

YOU’VE TRIED TO DO IT GOD’S WAY AND THINK DIFFERENTLY

²⁸ Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

YOU’VE TRIED TO PRAY AND BE GRATEFUL

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Jesus.

- **Ephesians 4:26**

YOU’VE TRIED NOT TO BE ANGRY

²⁶ “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

- **Matthew 6:14**

YOU’VE TRIED TO BE FORGIVING

¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

- **1 John 4:18**

YOU’VE TRIED NOT TO BE AFRAID

¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

- **Ephesians 4:29**

YOU'VE TRIED TO SPEAK POSITIVELY

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

- **Philippians 4:6-7**

YOU'VE TRIED NOT TO WORRY AND HAVE PEACE

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

WHERE ARE YOU AT TODAY?

- **Matthew 11:28**

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR WILL AND ARE YOU TIRED OF TRYING?

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

- **Mark 6:5**

IS JESUS TRYING MORE THAN YOU?

⁵ Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*.

- **Matthew 26:39-40**

ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE IT ONE MORE TRY?

³⁹ He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”⁴⁰ Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour?”

- **Mark 10:21**

JESUS IS LOOKING TO YOU WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

- **John 7:38**

JESUS WILL BRING THE WATER TO YOU

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.

- **Colossians 2:8**

IT'S TIME TO SHOCK YOUR SYSTEM!

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

IN CLOSING

- **Isaiah 43:19**

IT'S TIME TO WELCOME THE NEW YOU!

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.