

The Call to Faith

Discussion Questions

- 1. Is there are area of your life where you need healing? Physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, spiritually? Are you willing to bring that need into the presence of Jesus?**
- 2. How easy is it for you to respond to life's challenges with faith, and not rely on sight? Where do you struggle with not being able to see God at work in your life?**
- 3. As we enter the season of Lent, will you take some time to reflect on your journey with Jesus, to repent of the things that get in your way of relationship with Jesus, and to receive the mercy and healing Jesus offers us when we offer our whole selves to Him?**



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 **Matthew 3:1–3, 5**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan.






John 5:2–7

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.”



 Matthew 3:13–17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”



John 5:8–9

Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.



**I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.**



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