INTRODUCTION: “Man’s extremity is God’s opportunity”, William Cary. “Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God” (Hymn # 615). God is the God of miracles and the God of the impossible! In John 2 Jesus turned water to wine. Jesus has power over the elements of nature. In the message this morning Jesus healed a boy at the request of his father. The boy was 20 miles away. Distance is not a problem for God. John 5 begins with Jesus healing a man who has been lame for 38 years. Time is not a problem with God. The lame man at the pool of Bethesda, his situation was hopeless but with God there is no hopeless situation.

I. The man’s hopeless situation.—5:1-7
   A. The situation was hopeless because of a false trust.—v. 1-4
      1. The feast was probably the Passover.
         a. Jews required to go to Jerusalem for three feast. (Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles—Deut. 16:16.)
         b. Jesus kept the OT laws and feasts.
      2. The pool had 5 porches (colonnades).
      3. They trusted in the waters.—v. 3-4 (Common belief in the healing waters.)
   B. The situation was hopeless because the man had his infirmity for 38 years.—v. 5
   C. The situation was hopeless because the man had no one to help him.—v. 7
   D. The situation was hopeless because the man seems to have given up.

II. With Jesus there is no hopeless situation.—v. 8-13
   A. Jesus noticed the man.—v. 6
      1. Jesus knows your circumstances.
      2. Jesus asked the question, “Do you want to be made whole?”
   B. Jesus met the man’s need.—v. 8
      (The command was threefold: rise, take up your bed, walk.)
   C. Jesus healed him immediately.—v. 9 compare v. 14.
   D. Confrontation with the Jews over the Sabbath.—v. 10-13

III. Going beyond hopelessness.—v. 14-16
   A. Later Jesus finds the man in the temple.—v. 14
   B. There was a greater need than physical healing. (He needed his sin forgiven.)
   C. There is something worse than physical pain and suffering.
      1. Physical suffering is bad but spiritual pain is worse.
      2. Sometimes physical suffering is a result of sin.
   D. The greatness need is for a relationship with God.

CONCLUSION: Jesus is concerned about all of our needs. Jesus can turn our hopelessness into hope. We need to learn to trust Him in every circumstance. He is the God of the impossible! With God there is no hopelessness!