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Creating Epic Change

Text: John 5:1-18

Changing yourself or your situation in life is not easy, but it's not impossible.

Responsibility means taking _____ of yourself and your situation. It's the prerequisite for building a better life and a better you.

The fact is that not everybody really, truly wants to be healed or wants to be made whole. The fringe benefits of affliction are commonly used to justify bad behavior and even sin.

Being made well, being made whole, means that you have to let go of your pity and your pathetic rationalizations, and it means that you have to begin to take responsibility for your life.

In order to take responsibility for your life, you need to ...

1. Be willing to _____ when an idea isn't working.
2. Be willing to _____ of your excuses.

We go through life nurturing these pet excuses that serve only to give us " _____ " to stay the way we are.

You'll never experience epic change as long as you're hanging on to a list of excuses and driven by a _____ of blame. Take responsibility.

3. Be willing to _____ up.

I want to make something clear at this point. If you want to create epic change in your life -- and I believe we all do in one area or another -- you will _____ be able to do it in your power.

In order to take full responsibility for your life, you need to believe something down to your very core: God will empower you to do what he wants you to do.

4. Be willing to _____ opposition.

Whenever you are being obedient to God, expressing faith in action you will face opposition.

Make no mistake, living by the principle of responsibility means that great things will happen in your life, which means the critics will come crawling out from the under their rocks and let you know how you're doing it all wrong.

5. Be willing to own the _____, whatever it may be.

The healing of this man -- who hadn't completely mastered the principle of responsibility -- ultimately led to the death of Jesus

The path of responsibility is not a primrose path. It doesn't necessarily make your life easier, but it does make it greater.

With great responsibility comes great _____.

When you let go of your feeble excuses and start taking steps of obedience, when you take ownership of every decision you make and every outcome you create, you will experience power in your life -- the power of God -- power greater than you've ever known.