**The Not So Clear Cut Choice**
John 5:1-15

**I. This Man's Priority was to Seek Healing - v1-5**

A. So where did he go?

 1. What was so special about the Pool of Bethesda?

 2. What actually caused the ripples? - v7

B. What was his condition? - v5 & 7

 1. He was an invalid = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. He was H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 3. He was F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The Lord's Priority was to Heal People - v6-9**

A. With the Lord, P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ always came first! - Matthew 4:23; 8:3 & 16; 12:22; 14:36; Luke 13:13 & 22:51

B. What is the Lord's goal for you? - Genesis 1:26-27

 1. How often does this word appear in the Old Testament?

 2. So what should be your goal?

 3. How can you make that happen?

**III. The Jewish Leaders' Priority was to Obey Rules - v9-16**

A. One of their favorites was keeping the S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 1. Exodus 20:8-11.

 2. What constitutes work? - Jeremiah 17:19 & Nehemiah 13:15-19

 3. What was the punishment for disobeying a clear command of the Law?

B. So, who was accused of breaking this law?

 1. How did these leaders, using these standards, break the law themselves? - John 7:22-23 & Luke 13:11-21

 2. How would you have expected these leaders to respond if they had been godly people?

C. Is it possible to get too wrapped up in church stuff?

 1. It is important what you B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. But it is also important to remember what?

 3. What should your priority be?

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