Title: No Lifeguard on Duty
Text: John 5:1-17
Target: To discover why Jesus would do a miracle as a sign for a man who doesn't express gratitude in being healed.

I. The Marginalized Multitude: (Vs. 1-4)
   A. The Location: “Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades.” (Vs. 2)
      1. Sheep Gate: Temple Sacrifice
      2. Pool of Bethesda: House of Outpouring
      3. Five roofed Colonnades: Number of Grace
   B. The Legend: “Waiting for the moving of the water, for an angel of the Lord went down at certain season into the pool, and stirred the water” (Vs. 4*)
      1. Heavenly Angels stirred the Water
      2. Healing Agents in the Water
   C. The Longing: “Whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.” (Vs. 4*)

II. A Merciful Messiah: (Vs. 5-9)
   A. Divine Compassion:
      1. He saw him: “When Jesus saw him lying there.” (Vs. 6a)
      2. He knew him: “…knew that he had already been there a long time.” (Vs. 6b)
      3. He asked him: “Do you want to be healed?” (Vs. 6c)
   B. Divine Command: Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” (Vs. 8)
   C. Divine Change: “And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.” (Vs. 9)
      1. No Request for Healing
      2. No Response of Faith
      3. No Reaction of Thanksgiving
   D. Divine Conversation: “Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” (Vs. 14)

III. The Message in the Miracle: (Vs. 10-17)
   A. Jesus is Sovereign in the Story: “The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.” (Vs. 15)
   B. Jesus is Confronting Legalism: “And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.” (Vs. 16)
   C. Jesus is Equal with God: “But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” (Vs. 17)

Take Away: If Jesus would do all this for a man who would sell him out, then how much more would He do for someone who is sold out for him.