



EPISODE TITLE: “Do You Want to be Made Well?”

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Doug is a possibility enthusiast who seeks to find creative, entrepreneurial and generative ways to enlist people to join in the hopes, dreams and desires God has for the world. Doug is the national director of the Cana Initiative a collective of faith-engaged organizations, individuals, institutions and networks who seek to embody a generous Christian ethos leading to constructive collective action in the United States. Doug is the founding pastor of Solomon’s Porch, A Holistic Missional Christian Community in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Doug is a speaker and consultant for churches, denominations and businesses throughout the United States and around the world on issues of Inventive Age culture, social systems Christianity and Leadership. Doug has worked in churches, for a non-profit foundation and has owned three businesses in Minneapolis.

Questions:

1. What elements of church life or practice would you change to create a more meaningful spiritual experience?
2. Do you find the voice of God in community? How does it come through? Doug mentioned long-distance running. Are there any non-traditional ways you connect to the divine?
3. What stood out for you from John 5:1-9?
4. Do you want to be made well? What might be the cost of that healing?
5. When does healing lead to obligation? When does healing lead to freedom? What do either of those outcomes have to say about the healer?

Pneuma Divina Scripture: John 5:1-9

5After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When 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?’ ⁷The 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.’ ⁸Jesus said to him, ‘Stand up, take your mat and walk.’ ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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