



## **WEEK 1: GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE**

**KEY TEXT - JOHN 15:5**

### **MESSAGE NOTES:**

1. Read John 5:1-24. Why do you think Jesus asked the man in verse 6 if he wanted to get well?
2. The man answers Jesus in verse 7. Do you think his answer reflects him making excuses or his ultimate frustration with his situation?
3. Have you ever felt like you were so close to a spiritual breakthrough in your life, but you just couldn't make it happen? Explain.
4. In verse 19, Jesus says he can do nothing by himself. Is that a surprising statement to you? In your own life, do you lean more toward the idea that you need to do what you can and then ask for God's help, or would you say that you can do nothing by yourself?
5. Read Exodus 2:23-3:14, 4:18-20, 14:15-31. Identify the 7 Realities of Experiencing God reflected in these passages.
6. As we explore how we experience God, it is helpful to look at some descriptions of who he is. Read the following verses and identify the name or description of God. How have you experienced God in this way? Isaiah 9:6, Psalms 33:20, John 6:35, Psalms 51:14, Psalms 46:1, Luke 2:29, 1 Timothy 2:5.

# SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

*Read: Psalm 46*

**S – Scripture** – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

**O – Observation** – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

**A – Application** – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

**P – Prayer** – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.