

The Gospel According to John

Thoughts from Wes Franks on the

Reading for Week of February 2: John 4:43-5:47

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Video Transcript:

(Wes Franks speaking:)

So when studying the Bible, as an “average Joe”, I guess, something that was said to me a long time ago, and then a lot to me by a pastor, was, you know, when you do study the Bible, “read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John”, “read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John”, “read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and then go back and read the rest of the Bible.

When reading John, how it differs from the other three Gospels to *me* is that authoritative context of Jesus declaring Himself as the Son of God.

The biggest thing that jumps out is just the fact the folks continue to not believe and Jesus performs these miracles, and yet He still has compassion for them. And I think it just speaks to, you know, we are still in that state today.

In reading about the official’s son in that particular passage, I think that an interesting thing there is that you had kind of a pause and an opportunity to walk away from that, and yet he still had faith and still believed.

In college I kind of walked away from the faith for a little bit, but was brought back. I think throughout life we kind of have episode of times in which we tend to be drawn away, drawn back, drawn away, drawn back. And so that particular passage spoke to me in that way.

Throughout John, one of the themes that speaks to me is the fact that we have to make a choice. I think that choice is something that calls us back to our faith, calls us back to the ministry of the Bible, and I think ultimately we have to *choose*, you know, choose to get well – choose to believe.