



**Aquariums, Old Knees vs. New Knees,
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**1. Don't Ignore the
Aquarium
(*Philippians 2:1-4*;
Ephesians 4:2-3)**

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Philippians 2:1 So if there is any
encouragement in Christ, any
comfort from love, any
participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy,

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**2 complete my joy by being
of the same mind, having
the same love, being in full
accord and of one mind.**

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**3 Do nothing from selfish
ambition or conceit, but in
humility count others more
significant than yourselves.**

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**4 Let each of you look
not only to his own
interests, but also to the
interests of others.**

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**Eph. 4:2 with all humility
and gentleness, with
patience, bearing with
one another in love,**

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**3 eager to maintain the
unity of the Spirit in the
bond of peace.**

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2. Old or New Knees?

Beware the Church

Plateau

(John 5:1-9)

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**John 5:1 After this there
was a feast of the Jews,
and Jesus went up to
Jerusalem.**

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**² Now there is in Jerusalem
by the Sheep Gate a pool, in
Aramaic called Bethesda,
which has five roofed
colonnades.**

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**3 In these lay a
multitude of invalids—
blind, lame, and
paralyzed.**

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**5 One man was there
who had been an invalid
for thirty-eight years.**

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6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”

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**⁷ The 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 going
another steps down before me.”**

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**8 Jesus said to him, “Get
up, take up your bed,
and walk.”**

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**9 And at once the man
was healed, and he took
up his bed and walked.**

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**3. We Must Compel
Sinners and Struggling
Christians to Crossroads!
(*Luke 14:15-23*)**

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Luke 14:15 **When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”**

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**16 But he said to him, “A
man once gave a great
banquet and invited
many.**

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**17 And at the time for the
banquet he sent his servant
to say to those who had been
invited, ‘Come, for
everything is now ready.’**

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18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’

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**19 And another said, ‘I have
bought five yoke of oxen,
and I go to examine them.
Please have me excused.’**

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**20 And another said, ‘I
have married a wife,
and therefore I cannot
come.’**

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²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’

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**22 And the servant said,
‘Sir, what you commanded
has been done, and still
there is room.’**

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**23 And the master said to the
servant, ‘Go out to the
highways and hedges and
compel people to come in,
that my house may be filled.**

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- **We Must Give New People New Choices**
- **We Must Provide More Opportunities to Reach New People**
- **We Must Not Be TIMID in ACCEPTING God's Challenge!**

I CAN DO

ALL THINGS

through Christ

WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

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PHILIPPIANS 4:13