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Our Readings today are centered on the Healing power of water. In the First Reading, an angel shows Ezekiel the water flowing out from the Temple. All who were touched by it were saved. We see the same message in the Gospel. There is a pool in Jerusalem where the masses are drawn to seek Healing by touching the waters. Jesus heals a man who is unable to get to the waters. Rather than rejoicing in the miracle, the Jews are fueled with hatred and chastisement. They begin to persecute Jesus because He healed the man on the Sabbath.

These readings cause me to reflect on the importance of healing water in my life. One of my greatest memories was the day of my Baptism. Since I was baptized as an adult, I can still remember the moment the Holy Water touched me. I had a feeling of peace and knew I was cleansed of my sin. This changed my life.

I feel blessed that I was able to be baptized at the age of 42, allowing me to appreciate this new lease on life. Since that day, I've given more to all of my relationships -- my wife, my children, and my involvement with my church family. The renewing water of my Baptism fuels my love for Christ, guides me in my daily relationships, and sets me on a path to knowing what on Earth I am here for.