

Do You WANT TO GET WELL?

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JOHN 5:1-15 (NIV)

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. [4] 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" 7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." 8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." 11 But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "12 So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?" 13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." 15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

notes

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)



(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What's the sickest or most physically hurt you've ever been? What happened? Read John 5:1-15. How do you think this man felt before he met Jesus?

Why did Jesus ask him if he wished to get well? Isn't that an obvious question? Why is this question important? What about this time made it different?

John uses Jesus' miracles as signs pointing to truths about Jesus. What do you think we learn about both ourselves and Jesus from this story?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Psalm 147:3 (NLT) - He heals the brokenhearted and bandages up their wounds.

TAKE A STEP:

Reach out to someone that you know is struggling, hurting, or might be feeling lonely. If possible, spend time with them to share a meal, snack, or coffee. If not possible, give them a call.

ALL In, Together

GENERAL OFFERING

 2023 Weekly Budget:
 \$10,187

 Given March 5th:
 \$16,288

 Difference:
 \$6,101

 2023 Annual Budget:
 \$529,724

 2023 Budget YTD:
 \$91,683

 2023 Given YTD:
 \$78,331

 Difference:
 (\$13,352)

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC March 5th: \$4,673 BYC YTD: \$20,516 BYC Total Given: \$343,009

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