

Questions Jesus is Asking- Do You Want to Get Well?  
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John 5:1-8

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed—and they waited for the moving of the waters. <sup>4</sup> From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had. <sup>5</sup> One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> 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?”

<sup>7</sup> “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.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

**The Man’s Condition**

- Worry
- Fear
- Perfectionism
- Addiction
- Unforgiveness

Hebrews 12:1

“...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”

**Jesus’ Question**

John 5:6

“Do you want to get well?”

**Why don’t people want to get well?**

- Familiarity
- The Pain of Change
- Guilt
- False Identity

**The Man’s Excuses**

John 5:7

“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.”

**Excuse #1**

It’s someone else’s fault

*People may have contributed to paralysis in your past...but you control what path you follow into your future.*

**Excuse #2**

What works for others but doesn’t work for me.

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