

**Jesus Asked:
DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL?
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**When you have a moment in the presence of Jesus,
everything can be changed.**

John 5:1-2 (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.”*

John 5:3 (NIV) *“Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, [and] the paralyzed.”*

John 5:3b-4 *“...and they waited for the moving of the waters. ⁴ 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.”*

John 5:5 (NIV) *“One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.”*

John 5:6 (NIV) *“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?’ ”*

John 5:7-9a (NIV) *“ ‘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 LONGER A PROBLEM PERSISTS...

1. The more discouraged you become.
2. The more excuses you make.

“Jesus, I have no one to help me get into the water. When I try to go in there, I can’t walk, and they all run by me, and I’m left just sitting here, completely helpless and hopeless. No one helps me.”

Invalid: someone who is not well; weak and sickly; infirm.

3. The more you learn to compensate.

You cannot change what you are willing to tolerate.

You can’t help someone who only needs help.

You can only help someone who wants help!

What is the greatest obstacle to faith?

- It is Doubt
- It is Fear
- It is Worry.
- It is The Familiar

**Healing will not begin until your desire
is bigger than your disability.**

**It doesn’t matter how long you’ve been down,
with the power of Christ, you are not out!**

Notice three things about this supernatural healing...

- The sick guy didn’t even ask to be healed.
- The sick guy did nothing to earn it or deserve it.
- The healing did not happen in the way he thought it would.

Jesus essentially said...

“I don’t want to hear your excuses.

I want to see your faith.”

Have the courage and faith to step away from the familiar.