

# Would You Like to Get Well?

John 5:1-15 NLT

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**1** Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. **2** Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. **3** Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. **5** One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

**7** “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

**8** Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”

**9** Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath,

**10** so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”

**11** But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

**12** “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded.

**13** The man didn't know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. **14** But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, "Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you." **15** Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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II. It's important to focus on who can truly heal us. John 5:7-9a

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