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**Title:** House of Healing

**Text:** John 5:1-9

**Target:** Do not let expectations of how you think breakthrough should happen prevent you from seeing how God is making breakthrough happen.

I. The Magnitude of the Multitude: “In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.” (Vs. 3)

A. The Location: “by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda-House of Mercy” (Vs. 2)

B. The Legend: \*waiting for the moving of the water, for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons in the pool, and stirred the water” (Vs. 4)

C. The Longing: “whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.” (Vs. 4)

II. The Mercy of our Messiah: “One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.” (Vs.5)

A. Jesus Saw Him: “When Jesus saw him lying there” (Vs. 6a)

B. Jesus Knew Him: “and knew that he already been there a long time” (Vs. 6b)

1. Knew his Desperation:

2. Knew his Disappointment:

C. Jesus Asked Him: “Do you want to be healed?” (Vs. 6c)

D. Jesus Listened to Him: “The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” (Vs. 7)

III. The Miracle and the Mat: “Jesus said to him....”

A. The Promise of Healing:

1. Get up: “Get up” (Vs. 8)

2. Take Up: “take up your bed” (Vs. 8b)

3. Walk Out: “and walk” (Vs. 8c)

B. The Proof of Healing: “And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. (Vs. 9)

**Takeaway:** The miracle in the house of mercy was not when you come to the water, but when the water comes to you!