

# Sermon Notes January 23, 2022

Title: **“Sitting by the pool ain’t always cool “**  
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**John 5:1-9 NLT** 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, (House of mercy) with five covered porches. 3 Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.[b] 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.

## **1. Stand up**

## **2. Pick up your mat**

**Ephesians 3:20 NLT** says, Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

## **3. Walk**

**1 John 4:18 (Message)** There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.

**Proverbs 3:5-12 Message** Trust God from the bottom of your heart;

don’t try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

he’s the one who will keep you on track.

Don’t assume that you know it all.

Run to God! Run from evil!

Your body will glow with health,

your very bones will vibrate with life!

Honor God with everything you own;

give him the first and the best.

Your barns will burst,

your wine vats will brim over.  
But don't, dear friend, resent God's discipline;  
don't sulk under his loving correction.  
It's the child he loves that God corrects;  
a father's delight is behind all this.