

JOHN 5:1-15

John 5:1 (NLT)

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days.

MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS ABOUT YOUR SPIRITUAL RHYTHMS

John 5:2 (NLT)

² Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches.

John 5:3 (NLT)

³ Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.

EVERYONE DOESN'T RECEIVE HEALING EVERY TIME, EVEN WHEN JESUS IS PRESENT

Some healing will come now, all healing will come soon! John Piper

John 5:5 (NLT)

⁵ One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.

John 5:6 (NLT)

⁶ When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?"

JESUS CAN SEE HURTING PEOPLE AND ALWAYS WANTS TO HELP

John 5:7 (NLT)

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."

JESUS WANTS MORE FOR US THAN WE'RE BELIEVING HIM FOR

John 5:8-9 (NLT)

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!

JESUS HAS THE POWER TO HELP PEOPLE

John 5:9-12 (NLT)

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.

JESUS DIDN’T COME TO PLAY BY THE RULES BUT CHANGE REAL LIVES

John 5:13-15 (NLT)

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.

GOD’S HEALING POWER IN OUR LIVES SHOULD EMPOWER OUR PURSUIT OF HOLINESS