



**Making the
Impossible Possible
“Let’s Go for a Walk”**

Setting the scene

John 5:1-3

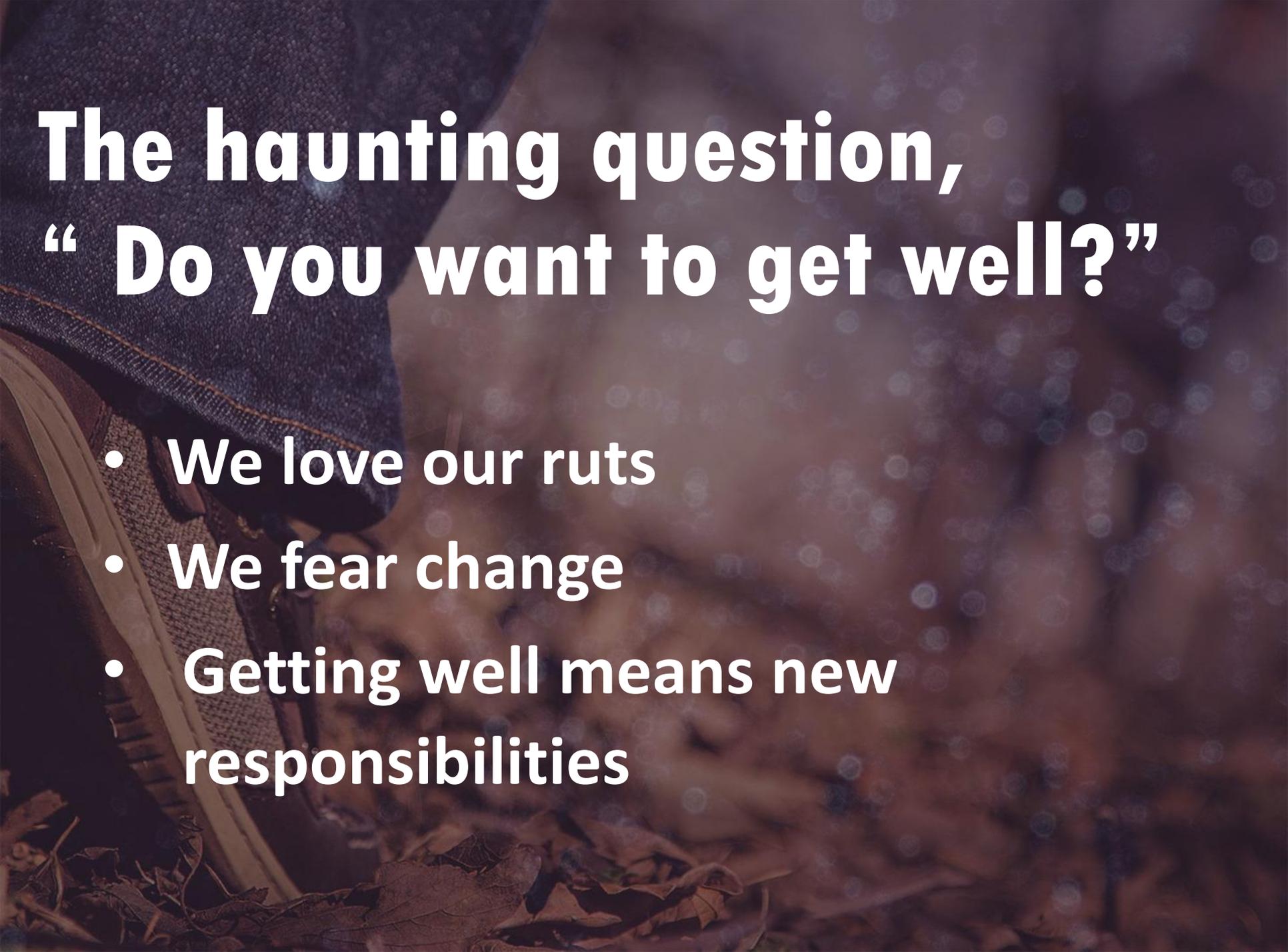
5 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

The “ I can’t ” attitude

John 5:5-7

⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ 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?”

⁷ “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.”



The haunting question, “ Do you want to get well?”

- **We love our ruts**
- **We fear change**
- **Getting well means new responsibilities**

Maybe it's time to go for a walk

John 5:8-9

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 day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

Philippians 4:13

¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Following God often offends others

John 5:8-12

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The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.”

¹¹ But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’ ”

¹² So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”



**Don't let what's
wrong with you
define you**



**Kick the crutches to
the curb and let's
go!**