

1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. 4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. 5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. John 5:1-9

•This is the will and plan of God: Healing is not a promise- it is an established fact!

•Physical healing can be a perplexing issue, especially when the Bible makes it so clear that healing was purchased for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. But what about the mysterious aspects to this provision. For example, why does the Lord instantaneously heal some people, but not others who are equally sincere in their pursuit?

•When we know he can—Doesn't—Confusing, Questions. Doubts.

• OUR GOD HEALS. BUT HE DOESN'T HEAL EVERYONE ALL THE TIME.

•Gospels—at least 30 different healing miracles (implied hundreds more)

✓ Why Aren't Some People Healed?

✓ Some Are Holding onto Sin

•When the Kingdom of God comes to our bodies, we are healed. When we resist the Kingdom of God, and resist the Holy Spirit, we may miss out on many blessings.

✓ Some Need Deliverance First, Before they Can Be Healed

•Unless a problem is caused by an accident, it is very likely that some kind of spirit of infirmity is involved in a person's physical affliction. You can command such

spirits to leave. Just believe that they do when you give the command. Such spirits cannot continue to resist a word spoken in faith by a spirit-empowered person.

✓ Insufficient Instruction

•"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17). So if people aren't hearing the Word about healing, or are hearing something that leaves them unsure if God wants to heal them, there won't be any faith for healing.

✓ Community Unbelief

•Mark 6:5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their unbelief.

•The Tragedy of Unbelief

•Even Jesus was hindered by community unbelief which prevented Him from moving strongly in the power of God.

✓ Improper Habits

•As Christians, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).

✓ Trusting and Looking to Something Else

•I notice that in John 5:1-15 there were many people who were sick but only one man was healed. Everyone was so busy focusing on that pool with its supposed healing properties that they ignored the Author of life and healing Himself when He came into the place.

✓ A Mouth FULL of Doubt and Negative Words

• ***Your life will follow your confession.***

✓ Unforgiveness

•Jesus taught that we cannot receive God's forgiveness while we hold onto unforgiveness against others for any reason.

✓ Some People Give Up when they are Not Instantly Healed

•The Holy Spirit goes in and begins a work.

✓ They Don't Take A Step Of Faith

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WOW or HOW Faith

 **Answer God's question to you: Will YOU?"**

• **John 5:6** When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

• First answer will God. Then Can God.

• But The third question is not asked of God but rather asked by God of You: will YOU?

• **John 5:7** The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." **8** Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." **9** And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

• The man had no ability to do what Jesus had asked him to do until he dared to take step of faith before he was made whole.

• Jesus said take up your bed and walk

• **As soon as he forgot about needing a man...**

• He didn't just rise up from his bed of affliction, he carried it off...

• **How many times has God given us simple instructions...?**

• Your faith moves the heart of God!

• Your FAITH gets God's attention!

• **THREE REASONS JESUS DIDN'T DO MIRACLES**

• Jesus refused to perform miracles to prove Himself.

• Jesus never performed a miracle that interfered with God's ultimate plan.

• Jesus didn't do miracles where there was no faith.

• **Woman didn't stop bleeding 12 years (Ceremonially unclean)**

• **34** Daughter, your faith has healed you. Mark 5:34

• **Leprosy—fell at feet—worship**

• **19** "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." Luke 17:19

• **Blind man screams out—Have mercy on me!**

• "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Mark 10:52

• **Walking down by the creek in bible college...**

• It's amazing how I can have the faith for God to save someone and struggle to believe He could heal them. Which is the bigger miracle?

• **Shake our faith?**

• **Our faith isn't based on what God does.**

• **Our faith is based on who God is.**

• Faith doesn't rest on what God does or doesn't do.

• Character—Proved goodness on cross.

• **ACT ON YOUR FAITH!**

• **I believe God can—Believe God will—Even if he doesn't**

• **13** Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. James 5:13-15