

•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. And that day was the Sabbath. 10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." 11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.' " 12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13

But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place. John 5:1-13

Person- 38 years stuck Think of what has happened in your life in 38 years.

•Have you ever been stuck?

•Me, Kim & Saige Jeep- STUCK

It's not fun being stuck

•Getting stuck isn't always bad thing. It often means you're off road, exploring new frontiers... and that's a good thing.

•But staying stuck is.

•Life moving by you...

•Truck broke down... Traffic- but they're moving.

•How frustrating it must have been to be stuck so close to a miracle

•How did he get stuck?

•Possibly born this way, Possibly became this way?

•NO NAME CHARACTERS

How did you get stuck? When did you get stuck?

•Stuck in addictions, sin, relationship, attitude, moment.

•An angel would trouble the water... Always too late.
Always falling short.

• **This man does not have a hope issue. His issue is helplessness.**

•He could have given up. lost hope. **He is helpless but not hopeless!**

•And some of you are still here.

☑ ***But the difference is- they're moving on.. touching the water. Being healed.***

•Getting remarried. Finding a new job. Getting in shape. Meeting new friends. starting a family.

☑ ***Place- Pool of Bethesda- House of Mercy= CHURCH!***

•Picture a battleground strewn with wounded bodies, and you see Bethesda.

•Now if you can imagine the chaos, this is the blind, this is the severely handicapped, these are paralyzed the lame.

•I would imagine this is an area where every once in a while, an official would have to walk through and find the dead bodies and cart 'em off.

• **Don't CINEMATIZE the SCRIPTURE.**

•***It kinda looks like the church?***

☑ **38 years, and Jesus sees him.**

•There's a big difference between problem spotting and problem solving.

•It's good to know that Jesus is not afraid to get into the messed up areas of your life to pull you out of the life you feel stuck in.

•**He's not just here to spot a problem. He's here to solve it. Whatever it takes!**

☑ ***Do you want to...?***

•Sometimes getting well is harder than staying sick.

•You get certain treatment...

•Getting well means getting up, getting a job, getting on with life.

•***Do you really want to be healed?***

•***When you're watching them He's looking at you.***

•***He sent His word and healed them... Psalm 107:20***

•***HIS WORD***

•***Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am [actively] watching over My word to fulfill it." Jeremiah 1:12***

•***DO YOU WANT WHAT THEY ARE PREACHING?***

- With one question Jesus has laid the full responsibility of the miracle on the man.

This is the **POWER OPTION**

*•WOULD YOU BE FREE from YOUR BURDEN OF SIN?
O'er evil the VICTORY WIN? POWER POWER WONDER
WORKING POWER IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB*

- God is laying the responsibility of your miracle on you!

•You have so much faith in your way of working that you're about to miss God's way.

- I'd never take a job like that.

- I'd never date someone like that.

- I'd never give like that.

- I'd never worship like that.

- He's giving a reason. God's giving a remedy.

Your present condition is not your future condition

•What is may soon be what was.

•KEEP LOOKING FOWARD-

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