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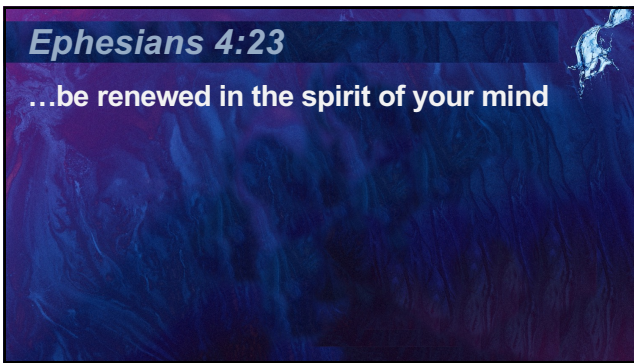
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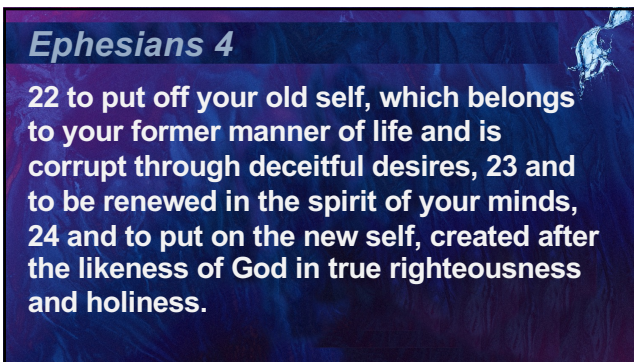
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### Spirit of the Mind

Approval "Spirit"	Gate-keeper based on values "Approve, Acknowledge, Not worth knowing"
Rational "Mind"	Reason and logic, Knowing "Debased mind, futile thinking, Knowing"

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**Luke 6:43-45**

45The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

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*Steps to A Renewed Mind*

1. Put off old self
2. Renewed in the Spirit of your Mind
3. Put on new self

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*John 5*

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, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. 3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

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*John 5*

[Some manuscripts insert] waiting for the moving of the water; 4for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred the water: whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease

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*Psychological Healings*

“Undoubtedly healings did occur there. Even today healings take place in these special areas where people go, believing they can be healed. But most of these healings can be explained psychologically. When people believe they are going to be healed, and they are in a place where healings supposedly occur, and they do the expected thing, many of them are healed.” -Stedman

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*John 5*

5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” 7 The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.”

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*John 5*

8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. 10 So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.”

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**John 5**

11 But he answered them, "The man who healed me, that man said to me, 'Take up your bed, and walk.'"

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**Why Ask the Question?**

"Do you want to be healed"?

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**Invalid's Healing**

Need	Healing to walk after 38 years
Deceitful Desire	First in the water after it's stirred will receive a healing
Godly Desire	Supernatural healing from God

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*Many Are Blinded to the Healer*

A multitude of needy people were there, yet none of them looked to Jesus. "A blindness had come over these people at the pool; there they were, and there was Christ, who could heal them, but not a single one of them sought him. Their eyes were fixed on the water, expecting it to be stirred; they were so taken up with their own chosen way that the true way was neglected. -Spurgeon

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*Wrong Thinking Holds Us Captive*

I cannot be healed unless [ ]  
[I do]  
[or they do]  
[doctor says]  
[this circumstance changes]

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*Required a Change in Thinking*

Jesus intentionally exposes the Invalid's spirit of the mind which was blocking his healing.  
Jesus redirected the eyes of the invalid's heart from superstitions and onto Him.

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*Eyes of Our Heart*

The eyes of our heart [faith] are looking at something or someone to meet a legitimate need. The heart has led the mind to pursue thoughts, ideas, and desires in the direction it is looking. The mind has a habit of thinking this way and changing means a change in the eyes.

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*Waiting But Not on Jesus*

- Some wait for a more convenient season
- Some wait for dreams and visions
- Some wait for signs and wonders
- Some wait to be compelled
- Some wait for a revival
- Some wait for particular feelings
- Some wait for a celebrity

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*God's Plan for Helplessness?*

This healing demonstrates how God proposes to deal with human helplessness and weakness. Helplessness should not lead to hopelessness for the believer. Believers wait on the Lord to renew their strength.

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**Helplessness is the Doorway**  
“Christ is a stumbling block . . .  
Because [He] takes the disease that  
we hate most, namely, helplessness,  
and instead of curing it, makes it the  
doorway to heaven.”  
-John Piper

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**God's Standard Method of Operation**  
God delights to do the impossible  
with the inadequate by means of the  
improbable and thereby demonstrate  
His glory to His creation

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**Three Things in the Healing**  
1. Rise  
2. Take up your mat  
3. Walk

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*John 5*

13Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. 14Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you."

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*Four Things in the Healing*

- 1. Rise
- 2. Take up your mat
- 3. Walk
- 4. Sin no more

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*Ephesians 4*

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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