

Do You Want to Get Well?

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John followed Jesus and because of what he heard and saw, He came to believe Jesus is the Son of God.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 1 John 1:1

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. 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?” John 5:1-6

Do you want to get well?

- The *want to* comes before the *how to*.

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.”

⁸Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. John 5:7-9a

Why didn't Jesus heal everyone that was at the pool that day?

- God heals, but He doesn't heal everyone all the time.

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?” ¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. ¹⁴ Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well. John 1:9b-15

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What would your life look like if Jesus was living your life? Dallas Willard

Let's Connect

- Is it easy or hard for you to believe God heals? Why?

Let's Talk About It

God demonstrates His awesome power to show his love to his people and to reveal Jesus as the Messiah, Son of God. In John 5, Jesus asks a man an interesting question, “Do you want to get well?” This is a good question for us to consider as well. Having the desire to get well and doing the work of becoming well often precedes being healed. While the Jewish leaders were more concerned about the rules being broken, Jesus consistently prioritized broken people. Considering the example of Jesus, what would your life look like if Jesus was living your life?

1 John 1:1-3; John 20:30-31; John 5:1-16

- Which part of the message impacted and challenged you?
- Read 1 John 1:1-3. How does knowing that the New Testament was written by people who saw and heard the events surrounding Jesus' life, death, and resurrection build your faith to believe?
- Read John 5:1-6. Do you want to get well? Is there an area in your life you're desperate for God to change, heal or restore? What step might you need to take before seeing the change you desire? How are faith and obedience essential to seeing God move in our lives?
- Read John 5:9-16. The religious leaders were more concerned with breaking the rules than the broken people around them. How does this challenge you to live differently?
- Answer the question posed by Dallas Willard, “What would your life look like if Jesus was living your life?” What adjustments would be made? Priorities realigned? Attitudes changed?

Take a Step

- What step can you take to align your life and live as if Jesus was living your life?

Here's My Prayer

Jesus, open my eyes to see the broken people around me who need You. Give me faith and boldness to pray for their healing. Align my life to reflect Your love and compassion for broken people. I pray that You would be glorified and that the world would see Your goodness, love, and power. In Jesus' name, amen.