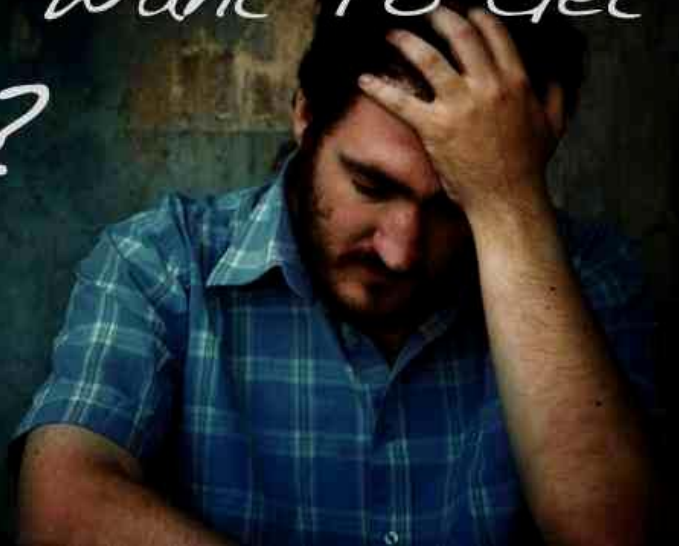


Do You Want to be Made Well?



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John 5:1-14

38 years ago... 1975

- Watergate verdict ..
- Space Mountain ..
- Margaret Thatcher ..
- Wheel of Fortune ..
- Jeffersons ..
- Microsoft founded ..
- Superbowl IX ..
- UCLA champions ..
- Carlton Fisk HR ..
- Gerald Ford 38th President..



Giant redwoods...



Lame man at pool..

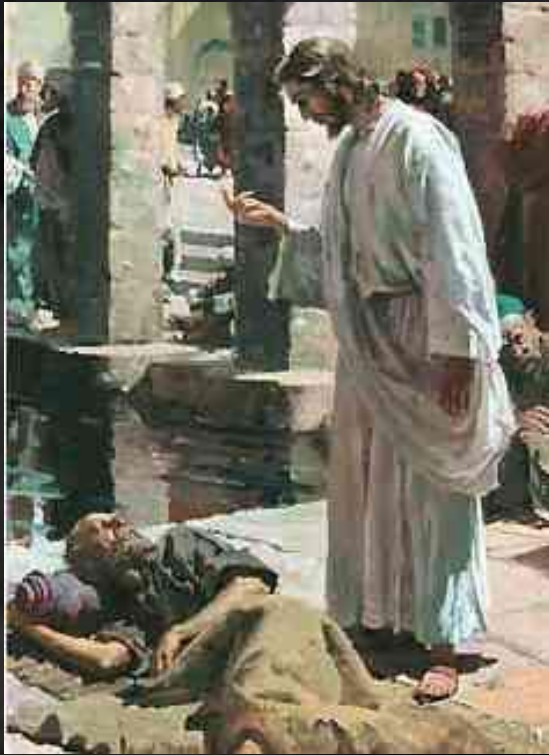
- John 5:1-4 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the 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.

A crazy question ..



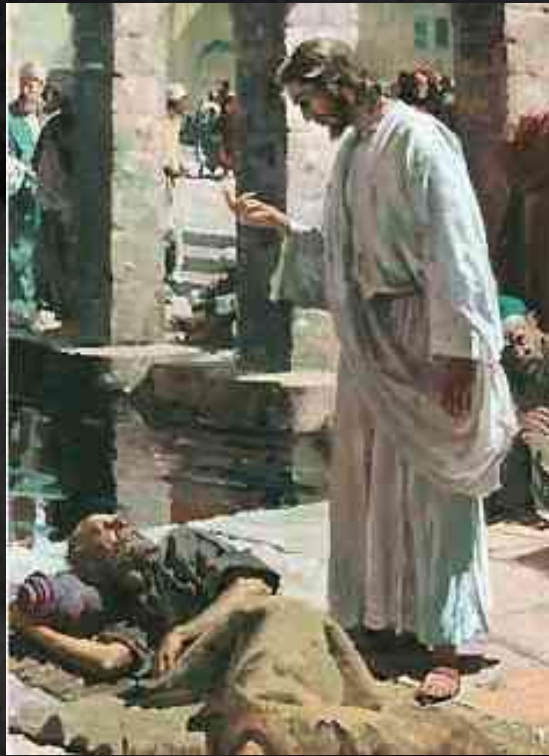
- 5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

A lame excuse..



- 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."

An impossible instruction..



- 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.

Snoopy...

- "Yesterday I was a dog.
Today I'm a dog. Tomorrow
I'll probably still be a dog.
There's so little hope for
advancement."





• Robert Reed.. Abilene Christian University ..

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- In Jesus we have some someone who can help make us well...
- We must decide if we want to be changed.. (vs 6)

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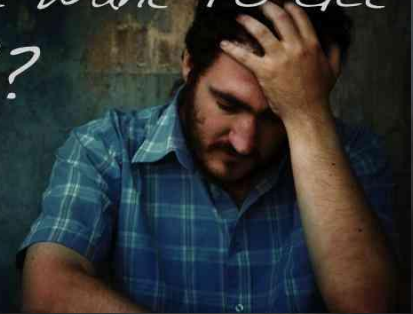


- We must decide not to keep making excuses (vs 7)..
- We must decide if we are ready to act.. (vs 8-9)

Are you a perpetual victim?



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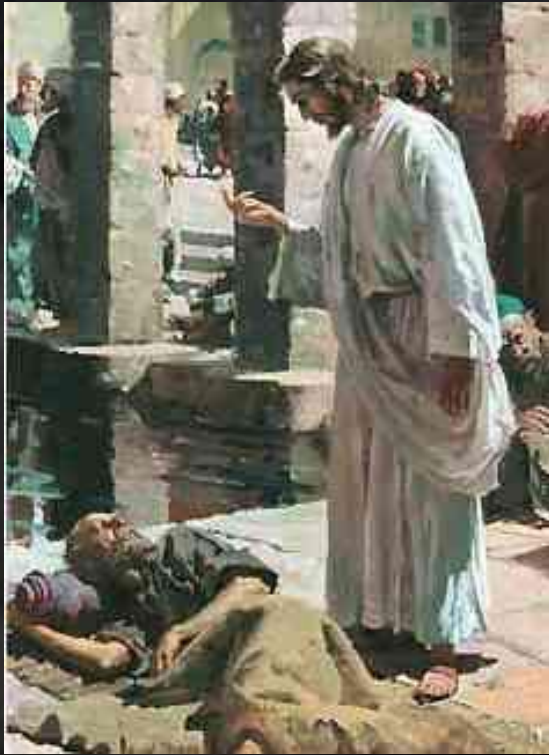


- Victims repeat how they have been mistreated..
- Victims live by the notion that life should be fair...
- Victims find it difficult to forgive others..
- Victims have difficulty maintaining close relationships because they have difficulty trusting other people...

**IF IT IS IMPORTANT
TO YOU, YOU WILL
FIND A WAY.**

**IF NOT
YOU'LL FIND
AN EXCUSE**

A life saving challenge..

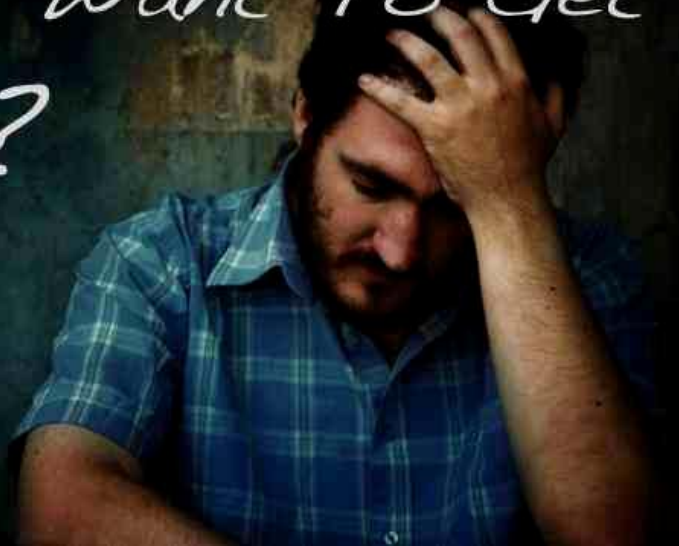


- 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

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