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## **John 5:5-8**

**One who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 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? “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 on ahead of me.” Then Jesus said to him, Get**



**Up” ! pick up your mat and walk,  
At once the man was cured: he  
picked up his mat and walked.**



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# Commentary

**It's a great day in the kingdom!  
Oh my goodness what kind of  
question was that? In today's  
vacuolar we might even ask the  
question, what's up with that?  
Dud of course I want to be well.**





**Wouldn't anyone in their right mind want to be healed in this kind of condition? But before we settle on an opinion in light of Jesus's question let's examine a few things. After**



**careful consideration of this text I would like to shift our perspective just for a few minutes. The text says that “when Jesus saw him laying there and learned he had been**



**in that condition for a long time”  
For me this says that Jesus  
observed him, Jesus knew his  
heart, and Jesus knew the  
impact that his condition had**



**on him. And lastly, Jesus knew that his external surroundings may have caused him to become discouraged that perhaps complicity had set in without him ever realizing it.**



**You see, there are times when in devastating situations for long periods of time, we lose hope. We learn to function within our limitations using them as a badge to just get through,**



**rather than fight for our possibilities. Can I get a witness? The reality of our current situation becomes our truth devoid possibilities. So our condition becomes what**



**defines us.**

**My friend, how long have you been trying to do or get to a point but your condition gets in the way. This man's condition was physical but there are all kinds of conditions**



**that can keep us bound if we  
don't decide we want to be well!  
How many times has your  
condition clouded your  
judgment of hope where you  
exclaimed, "never mind".**





**I mean conditions that have lingered a long time where you scooted along making a fatal attempt, but in your heart it's too hard. I mean initially you really wanted it. But after you**



**discovered it's taking too long,  
nobody will help you, you look at  
how other people are getting to  
the pool. "It's not fair".**

**My friend God never promised u**



**that life would be easy and God knows living life can be unfair.  
“But do you want to be well”?  
This is the question I want us to  
gravel with this morning.**



**Perhaps Jesus question was not meant to be condescending, but a question to ignite hope, promise and perseverance. A question that releases you from piety, bitterness, resentment,**



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**and to get you moving with your  
life. It may have been just the  
right question at the right time  
to stir this man's heart up even if  
the waters weren't stirring.**

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# Life Application Statement

**This question “do you want to be well” is one that all of us have had to grapple with at some point in our lives. Jesus meets us where we are and gives us new perspective and possibilities beyond our circumstances.**





# Life Application Principles

- 1. Jesus saw the man lying there.  
John 5:6**







## 2. Jesus ask him “do you want to be well”? John 5:6,





**3. The man responds, “I have no one to help me into the pool.  
John 5:7 I have no one to help me into the pool.**





**4. Jesus tells the man to “Get Up”  
pick up your mat and walk.**

**John 5:8 Get up!! Pick up your mat  
and walk.**





# **Life Application Conclusion**

**When Jesus shows up in your life, he meets you right where you are then propels you to get up.**

**Although life can be unfair, the Word tells us that God is near to those with a broken and contrite**



**Spirit... Do you want to be healed from past hurts, fears, injustices, insecurities, betrayals, and disappointments? You must first make up your mind before you can get up. Wanting a change has to be bigger than your circumstances.**



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