

Do I want to get well?

Listen to Jesus' word, rise up,
take up your bed, and walk

John 5:1-15

- 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.

- 1 Après cela, il y eut une fête des Juifs, et Jésus monta à Jérusalem.
- 2 Or, à Jérusalem, près de la porte des brebis, il y a une piscine qui s'appelle en hébreu Béthesda, et qui a cinq portiques.
- 3 Sous ces portiques étaient couchés en grand nombre des malades, des aveugles, des boiteux, des paralytiques, qui attendaient le mouvement de l'eau;
- 4 car un ange descendait de temps en temps dans la piscine, et agitait l'eau; et celui qui y descendait le premier après que l'eau avait été agitée était guéri, quelle que fût sa maladie.

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."

5 Là se trouvait un homme malade depuis trente-huit ans.

6 Jésus, l'ayant vu couché, et sachant qu'il était malade depuis longtemps, lui dit: Veux-tu être guéri?

7 Le malade lui répondit: Seigneur, je n'ai personne pour me jeter dans la piscine quand l'eau est agitée, et, pendant que j'y vais, un autre descend avant moi.

8 Lève-toi, lui dit Jésus, prends ton lit, et marche.

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'?"

9 Aussitôt cet homme fut guéri; il prit son lit, et marcha.

10 C'était un jour de sabbat. Les Juifs dirent donc à celui qui avait été guéri: C'est le sabbat; il ne t'est pas permis d'emporter ton lit.

11 Il leur répondit: Celui qui m'a guéri m'a dit: Prends ton lit, et marche.

12 Ils lui demandèrent: Qui est l'homme qui t'a dit: Prends ton lit, et marche?

13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.

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."

15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

13 Mais celui qui avait été guéri ne savait pas qui c'était; car Jésus avait disparu de la foule qui était en ce lieu.

14 Depuis, Jésus le trouva dans le temple, et lui dit: Voici, tu as été guéri; ne pêche plus, de peur qu'il ne t'arrive quelque chose de pire.

15 Cet homme s'en alla, et annonça aux Juifs que c'était Jésus qui l'avait guéri.

Our condition

- Lying down
- Blind to the things of God, blind to God's speaking, blind to what God has done for us
- Lame, unable to serve God, unable to function for God
- Paralysed, unable to pray, unable to preach the gospel, unable to read the Bible, unable to come to the meetings
- Waiting for a miracle to happen, for a dramatic event, waiting to be inspired to rise up to follow Jesus

Our attitude towards our condition

- Jesus asks us the question: « Do you want to get well? »
- Do I want to get well?
- The question implies that I may not want to get well
- Many times, I prefer to remain paralysed
- I am full of self pity
- I am full of excuses

Excuses

- We actually like excuses
- I am too weak
- I have tried so many times to read the Bible, to come to the meetings, but it hasn't worked
- I fail so many times
- I am useless
- I backslide so many times
- The Lord must be fed up with me
- Other brothers and sisters are able to follow the Lord much better than I. What's the point in even trying?
- Sometimes, we even derive satisfaction in being in this kind of condition

Do we want to get well?

- Forget about all the excuses
- Do not wait any longer for a miraculous change to come about
- Do not say, « The Lord has to do something to change me. »
- Do not wait any longer for someone or something to « put you into the pool »
- Am I weak? Yes
- Am I a failure? Yes
- Do I have any ability to rise up? No
- What do we have?

Jesus' word

- The only solution
- Based upon Jesus' knowledge of our condition
- Based upon Jesus' seeing us helpless in our condition
- Simple
- Direct
- Frank
- Searching
- Forcing us to make a decision

1. Do you want to get well?

- **Bringing us into the presence of the Lord**
- The Lord interacts with us and really wants to know our heart's desire
- This is to bring us to Him

2. Rise up

- Healing comes through Jesus' word
- Jesus' speaking, on the one hand, is always a miracle
- Yet not in the way we think. It is something very normal
- **Jesus' word enters into us**
- Jesus' word causes us to get up from our paralysed condition
- It is interesting that Jesus does not tell the man that he is healed first, but to rise up
- Yet in reality, the man is made well first, and then rises up (verse 9)
- This does not come from our will power, but it comes from Jesus' word

3. Take up your bed

- Once our bed carried us
- Our excuses, our failures, our self pity once carried us
- Now we can overcome our excuses
- Jesus' word causes us to exercise our will to pick up our bed
- There is a progression in our experience
- **Jesus' word must remain with us**
- **How much do we submit to the remaining word of the Lord?**

4. Walk

- To walk is to follow the Lord, to serve the Lord, to have our living and existence in line with the Lord's purpose
- **Does the word of the Lord to us flow out of us and becoming a living testimony of Him?**

