

How Bad Do You Want It?
My Life. I'm in Control. - Part 2

John 5:1-9 (NIV)

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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?”*

⁷ *“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.”*

⁸ *Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”*
⁹ *At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.*
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I. Discover Your Desires

...[Jesus] asked him, “Do you want to get well?” (v. 6)

Hope delayed makes the heart sick,
but desire fulfilled is a tree of life. ~ Proverbs 13:12 (CSB)

Questions To Ask Yourself:

1. What matters most to me right now?
2. Do I know what I want, or only what I don't want?
3. What have I stopped believing is possible?

II. Escape Your Excuses

“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.” (v. 7)

The man identified common reasons people stay stuck:

Excuse #1.) “They Did Not Help Me”

➤ Encouragement = Use What You Have

Excuse #2.) “The Timing Is Not Right”

➤ Encouragement = Act When You Can

Excuse #3.) “They Have It Easier”

➤ Encouragement = Focus On Yourself

III. Recognize Your Responsibility

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⁹ *At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.*
(v. 8-9)

So also will be the word that I speak--it will not fail to do what I plan for it; it will do everything I send it to do. ~ Isaiah 55:11
(GNT)

By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the one who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence. ~ 2 Peter 1:3 (NLT)