

QUIT WAITING FOR...SOME DAY...GET DETERMINED NOW.

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John 5:1-9-AMP

- 1 LATER ON there was a Jewish festival (feast) for which Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem a pool near the Sheep Gate. This pool in the Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porches (alcoves, colonnades, doorways).
- 3 In these lay a great number of sick folk--some blind, some crippled, and some paralyzed (shriveled up)-- waiting for the bubbling up of the water.
- 4 For an angel of the Lord went down at appointed seasons into the pool and moved and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was cured of whatever disease with which he was afflicted.
- 5 There was a certain man there who had suffered with a deep-seated and lingering disorder for thirty-eight years.
- 6 When Jesus noticed him lying there [*helpless*], knowing that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, Do you want to become well? [Are you really in earnest about getting well?]
- 7 The invalid answered, Sir, I have nobody when the water is moving to put me into the pool; but while I am trying to come [*into it*] myself, somebody else steps down ahead of me.
- 8 Jesus said to him, Get up! Pick up your bed (sleeping pad) and walk!
- 9 Instantly the man became well and recovered his strength and picked up his bed and walked. But that happened on the Sabbath.

Verse 6 says that Jesus asked him, *“Do you want to get well?” “Do you truly long to be healed?”*

Greek - “Are you convinced that you are already made whole?”

Greek - ginomai (ghin'-om-ah-ee) *it indicates...something already accomplished.*

Jesus is asking the crippled man if he is ready to abandon how he sees himself and now receive the faith for his healing.

Bethesda- *House of Mercy, In Hebrew, Beit-Hesed, which means “House of Loving Kindness.”*

1. IF WE ARE GOING TO TURN OUR SITUATION AROUND: WE HAVE TO GET UP AND MAKE A CHOICE OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!

Joshua 7:7,10,11,13 - Passion

7 Joshua cried out, “O Lord Yahweh, why did you lead these people across the Jordan? To be defeated? To be killed by the Amorites? If only we had been content to stay on the other side of the Jordan!

10 Yahweh spoke to Joshua: “Stand up! Why are you groveling before me?

11 Israel has sinned! They have broken the covenant which I had commanded them to keep. They have taken forbidden plunder. They have stolen from me, taken what is mine, hidden it among their belongings, and lied about it.

13 Get up and purify the people in preparation for tomorrow.

Determined - “a firmness of purpose.” It also means “to give definite aim or direction; an unwavering resolution,” and “to set a boundary.”

2. IF WE WANT TO TURN OUR SITUATION AROUND: WE NEED TO PICK UP! AND GET RID OF THOSE THINGS THAT KEEP US FROM RECEIVING.

Jeremiah 17:14-Message Bible

14 GOD, pick up the pieces. Put me back together again. You are my praise!

3. IF WE WANT TO TURN OUR SITUATION AROUND: WALK ! GET MOVING WITH THE PLAN OF GOD FOR OUR LIFE!

Joel 2:7-8-CJB

7 Like warriors they charge, they scale the wall like soldiers. Each one keeps to his own course, without getting in the other's way.

8 They don't jostle each other, but stay on their own paths; they burst through defenses unharmed, without even breaking rank.

Psalms 37:23-AMP

23 The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step].

Hebrews 10:35-36-NLT

35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!

36 Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that He has promised.

Confession:

Father, I determine to do Your will and live according to Your Word. My trust is in You alone and I refuse to be moved by anything else. I am going to: GET UP! PICK UP! and WALK FORWARD!

I am going to hold on to my confidence knowing that, sooner or later, I will receive all that You have promised me.