

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET WELL?

JOHN 5:1-15

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“Who hopes for what they already have?” (Romans 8:24, NIV)

“Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. Crowds of sick people-blind, lame, or paralyzed-lay on the porches. One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!” But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded. The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd. But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.” (John 5:1-15, NLT)

1. Jesus’ healing miracles were a compassionate response to faith.

“She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. For she thought to herself, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.” Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.”

(Mark 5:27-29, NLT)

“A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.” (Mark 5:15, NLT)

2. Faith accepts any miracle Jesus wants to give me.

“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!” (Matthew 6:5–8, NLT)

- a. Instant Cure
- b. The ability to heal
- c. God’s leading to the right cure.

“Remember, O LORD, how I have always been faithful to you and have served you single-mindedly, always doing what pleases you.” Then he broke down and wept bitterly. But before Isaiah had left the middle courtyard, this message came to him from the LORD: “Go back to Hezekiah, the leader of my people. Tell him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you, and three days from now you will get out of bed and go to the Temple of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life, and I will rescue you and this city from the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my own honor and for the sake of my servant David.’” Then Isaiah said, “Make an ointment from figs.” So Hezekiah’s servants spread the ointment over the boil, and Hezekiah recovered!” (2 Kings 20:3-7, NLT)

- d. The miracle of God’s sufficient grace.

“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9, NLT)

- e. *The miracle of the resurrection for the followers of Jesus Christ.*
“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”
(Revelation 21:4, NLT)

3. Some miracles are up to you!

“Would you like to get well?” (John 5:6, NLT)

Psalm 67

*“May God be merciful and bless us. May his face smile with favor on us. Interlude
May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people
everywhere. May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise
you. Let the whole world sing for joy, because you govern the nations with justice
and guide the people of the whole world. Interlude May the nations praise you, O
God. Yes, may all the nations praise you. Then the earth will yield its harvests, and
God, our God, will richly bless us. Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the
world will fear him.”*

GROWTHWORK

1. BE OPEN TO WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO IN YOUR LIFE.
2. ASK GOD BOLDLY IN JESUS NAME FOR WHAT YOU NEED OR WANT.
3. BE SATISFIED WITH THE WILL OF GOD. HIS WILL IS ALWAYS GOOD.
4. WHEN YOU HEAR ABOUT A MIRACLE GIVE GOD THANKS FOR HIS WORK
5. ALWAYS BE AMAZED BY GOD’S GRACE AND GOODNESS.