

Pool of Bethesda
Merciful Healings of Faith
(John 5:1-14)

~ INTRO ~

Bethesda = House of mercy...

- A place where sick & lame people gathered...
 - Searching for some type of relief from their ailments.

JUST LIKE THE MODERN DOCTOR OFFICES...

- Stacked with people sick & suffering.

THIS IS THE SCENE JESUS WALKS INTO...

- To help ONE man!

~ OBSERVATIONS ~

NOW...

- The exchange between Jesus and this guy is interesting!

JOHN RECORDS... that **Jesus asked** this guy a valid question:

- *“Do you want to be made well?”* (v.6) NKJV.

MANYTIMES... WHEN A PERSON LOSES ALL HOPE...

- They can't even accept change when it comes.
 - This guy had been immobilized for 38-years.
 - Sitting by these pools with no relief.

SO...

- It was a valid question Jesus asked.

AND... WHILE THIS UNNAMED MAN WAS WAITING...

- Right here at *Bethesda* = The house of mercy...
 - Jesus drew out the deeper obstacle in his heart...
 - **Hopelessness!**

I WONDER...

- In our seasons of difficulty how often we become hopeless?

I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND...

- That in seasons of suffering Jesus is teaching me to **trust Him**.

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AND IN SEASONS OF *delay*...

- Jesus is **teaching me submission.**

IT'S ONLY BY FAITH...

- That we please God... and we accept His love...
 - Over our weakness.

BUT... IT ALMOST SEEMS CRUEL...

- Because Jesus gives this guy an impossible command...
 - *“Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” (v.8)*

PLEASE DON'T MISS IT...

- Jesus was here to help the man & draw him into faith in God.
 - And as we saw in Galilee...
 - The miracles flow thru the hand of Jesus!

HIS COMMAND...

- Is our enabling!

~ IN CLOSING ~

THIS IS A REAL-LIFE STORY...

- It happened right in these ancient pools.
 - AND... it stands as another witness to the love of God.

I HOPE...

- What you've seen & heard over this last week...
 - Sticks deep in your heart!

AND... MAY THIS SITE...

- Help you to trust Jesus in a greater capacity in your life...
 - For **His Merciful Healings!**

(Eph. 3:20) NLT

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”