

“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!”

John 5:1-9 (NLT)

The Redeemer and Friend at the Pool

1. The Friend sees _____.

John 5 (NLT) – 6 “When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

Psalms 139:1-3 (GNT) – “Lord, you have examined me and you know me. You know everything I do. From far away you understand all my thoughts. You see me, whether I am working or resting.”

Deuteronomy 2:14 (NLT) – “Thirty-eight years passed from the time we first left Kadesh-barnea until we finally crossed the Zered Brook! By then, all the men old enough to fight in battle had died in the wilderness, as the LORD had vowed would happen.”

Ezekiel 34:11-12 (GW) – “I, the Lord God, will search for my sheep and take care of them myself. I will look for my sheep and rescue them.”

Isaiah 49:14-16 (CEV) -- “My people say, ‘The Lord has forgotten us!’ But the Lord answers, ‘I will never forget you.’”

Luke 19:10 (NLT) - “The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

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2. The Redeemer changes _____.

John 5:7-9 (NLT) – “The sick man answered, “Sir, I don’t have anyone here to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am trying to get in, somebody else gets there first.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.” Immediately the man got well; he picked up his mat and started walking.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) – “This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

Ephesians 4:22-24 (MSG) – “Take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces his character in you.”

Isaiah 43:18-19 (GNT) – “Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already—you can see it now!”

John 5:14 (NLT) – “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.””

“Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life”

Romans 6:4 (NASB)

“Dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.”

Philippians 3:13 (TLB)

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