At the Pool of Bethesda

John 5:1-15



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LEAD-IN: Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these porticoes lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, limping, or paralyzed. Now a man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. Jesus, upon seeing this man lying there and knowing that he had already been in that condition for a long time, said to him, "Do you want to get well?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk." Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. (John 5:2-9, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTONAL READING:

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See Him there.

broken.

isolated.

helpless.

wasting his life on false hope,

living in utter futility.

Imagine his despair.

He is us.

Without Christ, we too were

broken.

isolated.

helpless.

wasting our lives on false hope,

living in utter futility.

Imagine such a person, healed

suddenly and

completely.

Imagine him wildly

leaping and

dancing.

Picture his wide-open eyes,

his freedom.

his inexpressible JOY!

Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come... He will save you.

Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened, And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped. Then those who limp will leap like a deer, And the tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for jov.

(Isaiah 35:4-6, NASB)

Christ has come!

We are healed!

We are whole!

We are FREE!