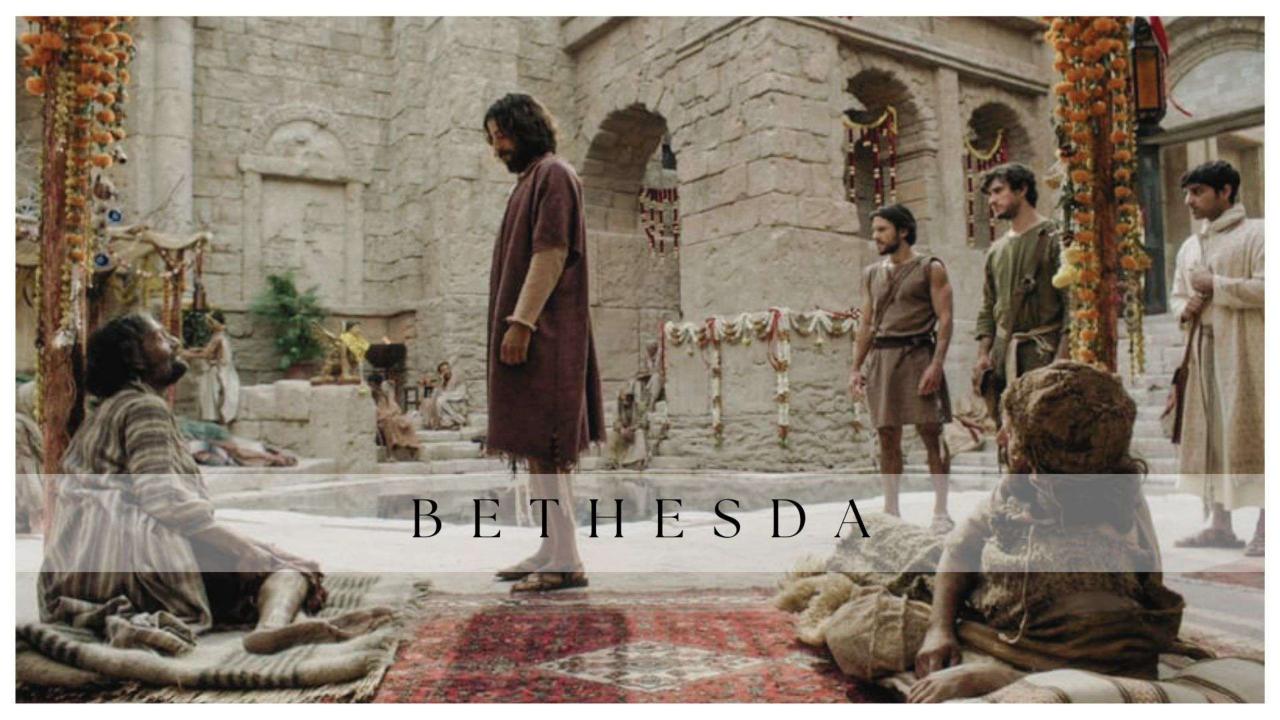


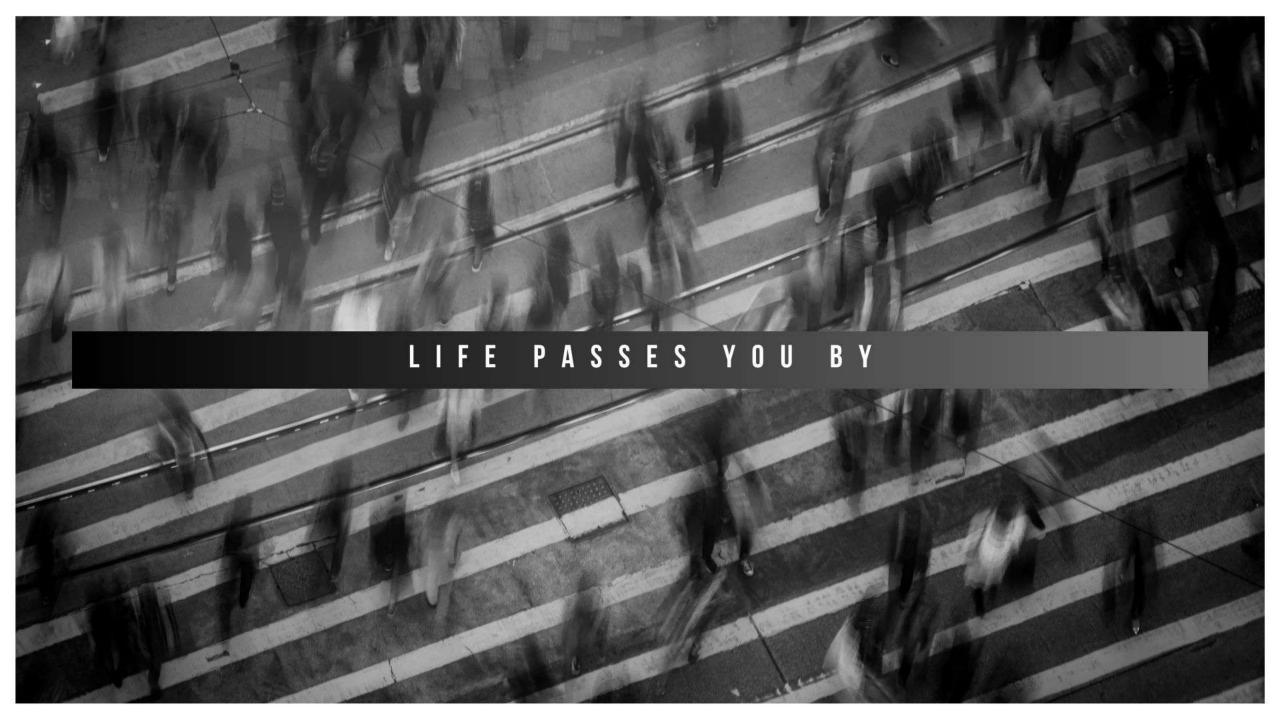
"Do you want to get well?"

John 5:1-9









A Pool of Invalids

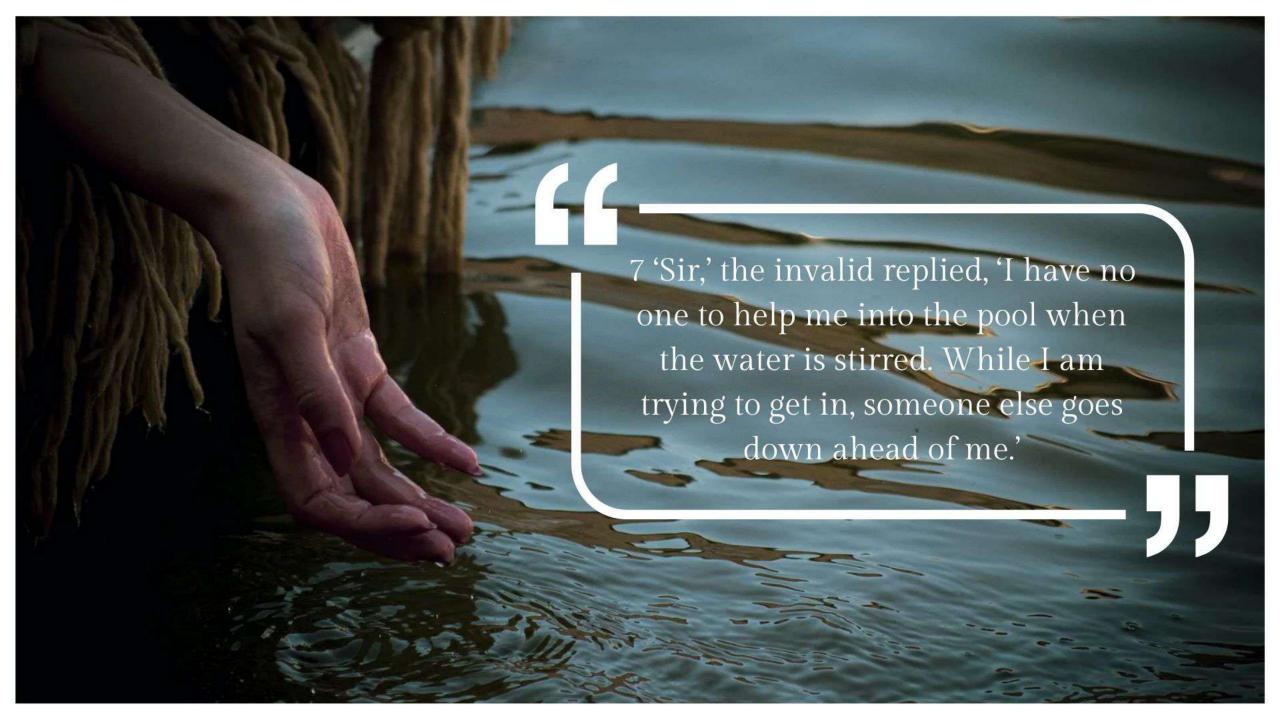


Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie the blind, the lame, the paralysed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, 'Do you want to get well?' (John 5)















10 Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

(John 4)



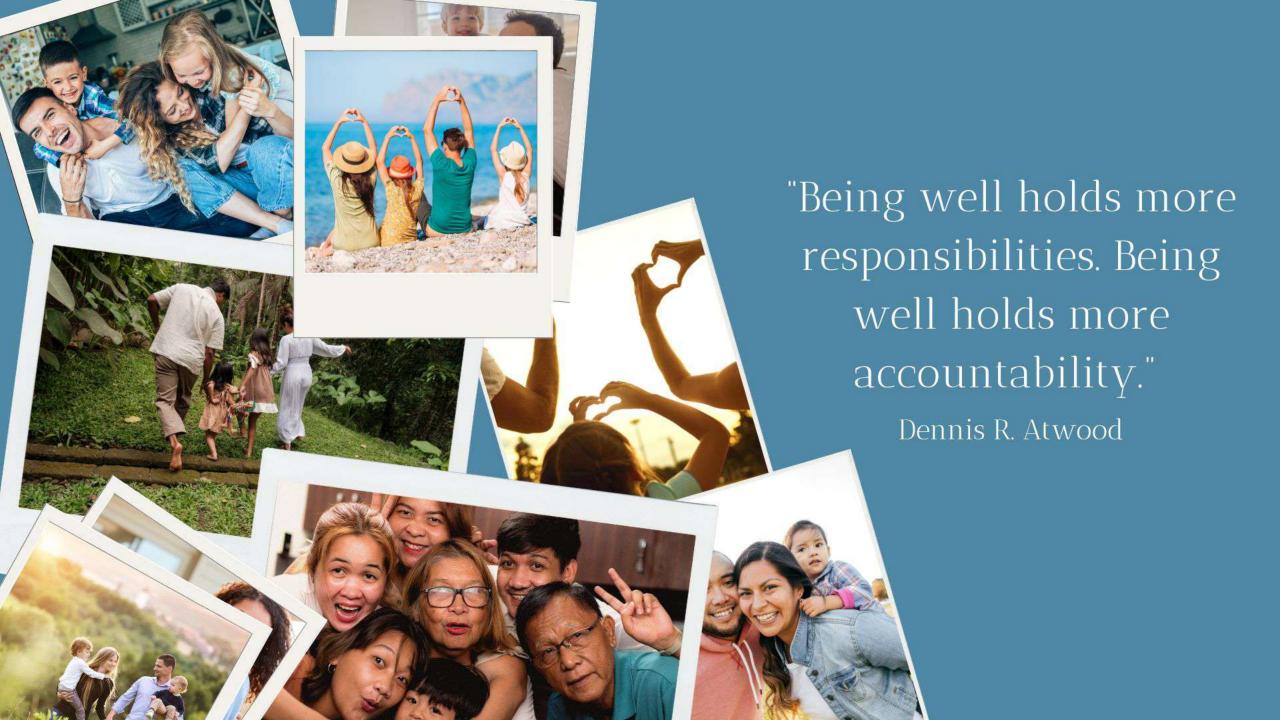


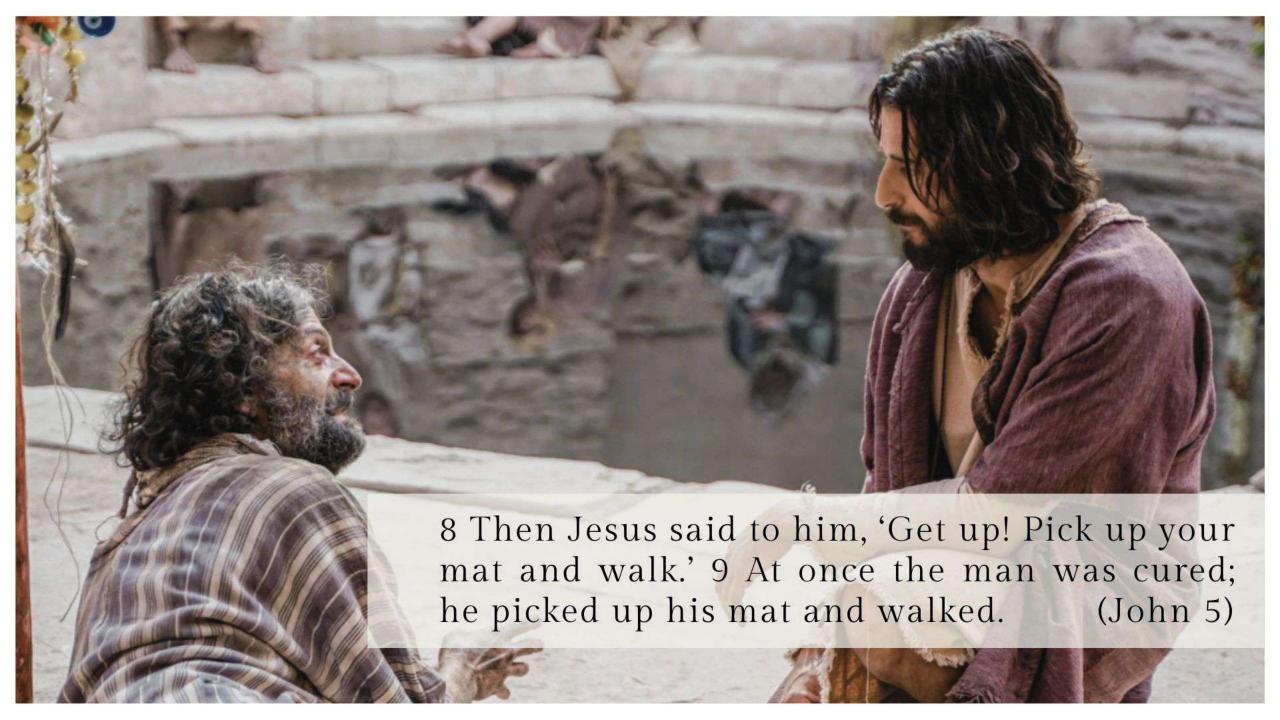


Was he (the disabled man) really willing to let go of his old way of life? Or had he become so accustomed to the benefits of being paralysed that deep down he didn't really want to change? After all, he had people, friends or relatives, who fetched and carried for him, people who fed and took care of him. He didn't have to take responsibility for his life; others had to do that for him. Perhaps there was a certain amount of feeling comfortable with his situation. To be healed would mean having to get up and take hold of life again.

(Trevor Hudson)













"Do you want to get Well



GET UP Take up your mat and Walk!