

Your Healing Awaits You

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The challenges and misfortunes of life are a common part of living in this world of uncertainty. Jesus said in His word that, “In this world, you shall have tribulation...” (John 16:33). I’ve come to believe that because trials are inevitable, the key is not focusing on how to escape them, but rather training and conditioning your mind and heart how to respond to them and overcome them.

John chapter five tells of a man who had an infirmity for 38 years. We don’t know what kind of infirmity or what caused it, but I’m sure we can all agree that 38 years is too long to endure any type of suffering. When Jesus encountered the man, He asked him one simple question, “Wilt thou be made whole?” In modern language, Jesus was asking the man if he wanted to or was willing to be made whole. The sick man’s first response was not so much an answer as it was an excuse. In essence, the man responded to Jesus’ question with a reason as to why he could not get the healing he so badly needed.

After 38 years of battling anything a person can get quite fed up with life altogether. We have all experienced situations where we are so tired of fighting an uphill battle that we just decide to allow it into our lives because it is much easier to live with it than to put in the work and make a change.

Can you identify at least one infirmity in your life that you have just learned to live with? Maybe it’s a quick temper, low self-esteem, fear of

abandonment, or need for acceptance. What if Jesus asked you, “Do you want to be made whole?” What would be your response? Would you explain what happened in your childhood that made you this way? Would you place the blame on the person who contributed to your infirmity or would you simply say, “Yes Jesus, I want to be made whole”?

The impotent man in John chapter five was surrounded by those in the same condition. No one cared about the need of this man greater than their own needs, so they didn't think twice about jumping ahead of him to get what they needed first. But Jesus saw his need and wanted to heal him. My dear sister, today can be that day of wholeness and healing for you. You don't have to spend another day watching others pass you by and overlooking your weakness to get what they need first.

Jesus has been waiting for your “yes” ever since you gave your life to Him. It doesn't matter how long you have been saved—even if it has been 38 years. It doesn't matter how small or insignificant you feel your infirmity may be. Don't allow it to hold you back from your complete liberty in Christ. It is not your Father's desire that you carry your infirmity throughout your life. Even if you are functioning, you are not functioning in God's best for you.

In your time of fellowship and prayer, take a moment to pour out your heart to your Father and confess the infirmities that you have carried for so long. Don't concern yourself with how small they are. Everything is small to God, because nothing is too difficult for Him! Tell your Father

that you desire to be made whole and allow Him to heal you. Ask Him to guide you in His word so that your heart and mind can be prepared and conditioned as you grow into this new way of living. Remember, your Father wants you to not only be free, but free indeed!