

# Jesus' Work in Your Life

*"It Was Jesus Who Made Me Well."*

<sup>4</sup>Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>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?" <sup>7</sup>"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup>At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, <sup>10</sup>and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." <sup>11</sup>But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" <sup>12</sup>So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?" <sup>13</sup>The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. <sup>14</sup>Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." <sup>15</sup>The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well." (John 5:1-15)

The passage that we read above speaks about events that had happened in Jerusalem. At one side of the city we found the Jews, the people of the city, are busy with the preparation of their feast. They might be busy with the preparation of food, certain dress and fashion, songs, inviting people, and arranging their lives so they will be free to attend and fulfill the requirements of the feast.

On the other hand and in the other part of the city we found another group of people, the bible call them disabled people; they are disqualify and crippled because of certain disabilities hinder them from being involved in normal daily life's actions and activities. They were located at the sheep gate. They are the sheep of the Lord, disabled by whatever afflictions and no one is caring for them. Other people are busy with their own life but the disabled group is set aside with their crippledness and no one is there to care for them. Such event and story might fit on you. You might be isolated and put aside and disabled by different types of trials like sickness, poverty, imprisonment, injustice, abuse or other kinds of trials and no one is caring for you and no one is concern about your suffering and being beside you. But take heart beloved; today Jesus is looking for you to help you.

Jesus is with those who are celebrating and Jesus as well is with those who are mourning. He came down from heaven to heal the sick, to set the captive free, to deliver, to help and to save. Jesus died on the cross for our sins; He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to everyone who believe in Him and follow His steps in life. Jesus is with you. As He was with those who are crippled, He is with you. As He went to the blind, the lame and the paralyzed He is today coming to you.

The man who was paralyzed the Lord asked him, "Do you want to get well?" The man answered, "I have no one to help me." You might be the same, you may have a big and complicated problem, you might be crippled financially, physically, socially and you are in the lower socioeconomic class of the community and no one is there to help you. You may think how to solve your problem according to your human limited understanding but the Lord has His

own way to tackle your problem. The story of those people who were at the pool is like this: "Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed and they waited for the moving of the waters. From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease he had." So all those people are waiting for the stirring of the waters, that is the only opportunity and way in their understanding to be healed and it will be granted to the first one who can make it first into the water. That was the battle and that what was going on in their minds. Their priority was 'Who is the one who is going to make it first?' But what had happened here in the story is not what the crippled crowd was thinking of but what God intended to do. The Word of God teaches us the way of God and not the way of men. It teaches us, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6) The Lord clearly declared, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9) The Lord does not need to follow your standard of thinking in order for Him to solve your problem. He has His own way, thought, time, purpose and will.

Stop doubt and believe that Jesus can solve your problem and at once as He did to the paralytic man. Jesus chose the worse and most miserable case among the crippled; he healed him so that we would have more faith in Him. He can do the same for you. As you read the message Jesus right now is working in your life; His grace is reaching you to help you and support you. Jesus is solving your problem dramatically and at once.

The Jews enquired from the man about the person who healed him, but "The man who was healed had no idea who it was." In many times we may get help and support from the Lord but we are not aware of it. Look around and you would tell the same; "Jesus in many occasions had help me and delivered me from my troubles."

When Jesus cured the paralytic man, he cured him physically but another work needs to be done in His life. He needs to be cleansed from His sins. And that what truly had happened. "Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." This is the true Lord that we worship. Not only he helps, heals and delivers, but Him as well as rebuke, clean and discipline. That is Jesus that we worship, not a cheap grace and take it for granted, but a Lord who correct, direct and rebuke when it is needed to bring us home and back to Him.

**My Dear and Beloved:** With all the above components of God's grace in the form of healing, deliverance, help, and rebuke to cleanse from sins, that paralytic man whom Jesus healed came to know and realize who is Jesus in His life. The same man then after He testified, "It was Jesus who had made him well." The same for you today as you receive help and support from the Lord, and as you repent from your sins, then you ought to come forward and tell the people and testify to the whole world and tell them Jesus' story in your lives. You describe to them how he helped you, delivered you and cleansed you from your sins. And above all don't forget to crown all that with this statement, "It was Jesus who had made me well." Therefore be confident to approach God and pray.

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thanks for your Word that help me and increase my faith and trust in you. Lord I repent from my sins \_\_\_\_\_. Lord empowers me by Your Holy Spirit to go and testify that it is you Lord Jesus who made me well. This is my prayer and thanksgiving in Jesus name, Amen.