

“LOVE LIKE THIS” Help People Find Jesus’ Healing

“Do you want to be healed?”
Jesus, John 5:6

WORD: God, what are You saying to me through this Scripture?

We are surrounded by people who need healing, and sometimes they are as paralyzed in their brokenness as the invalid man in John 5. He sat by a pool waiting 38 years for healing, but he didn’t have anybody who could or would help him! **Jesus found him in the crowd and asked: “Do you want to be healed?”** That compassionate question changed everything about the man’s life - and it can change ours, too! ~ *What kinds of healing do people need? (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, mental...) Why do you think Jesus paid attention to the hurting man in the crowd? Have you ever felt Jesus ask if YOU want healing? If so, what’s your “Jesus Story”?*

WHY: God, why does this Scripture matter?

The man’s first answer to Jesus’ question was not “yes” or “no” but **“I have no one to help me”** (v. 7). He was all alone in the midst of a crowd. He wanted the miraculous healing that Bethesda pool offered, but he just couldn’t get there. However, when Jesus enters our lives and we accept His offer of healing, everything changes! ~ *Let’s read the invalid man’s story in John 5:1-9. What was the man’s reason for not seeking healing? How was Jesus’ response? How did this change the man’s life?*

WHAT: God, what else does Your Word say to me about this?

The man at Bethesda had no friends to help him find healing, but that doesn’t have to be true of people in our lives! Mark’s Gospel tells the story of four friends who so desperately wanted their paralyzed friend to experience Jesus’ healing that they literally lowered him through a roof to get him to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12), and Jesus healed him! ~ *Do we care about someone so much that we’ll do whatever it takes to help get them to Jesus for healing? Is there anybody that WE can bring to Jesus? In what ways can we bring people to His healing? Are we personally responsible for what they choose? How should we respond if someone doesn’t want us to help them find Jesus’ healing?*

WORSHIP: God, how do You want me to respond to this truth?

God wants us to **“LOVE LIKE THIS: Help People Find Healing.”** Truth is, we are all hurting people who need Jesus’ healing in one way or another. As He works in our lives, we can worship Him by sharing our “Jesus Stories” and inviting others to know and experience Him! When they, too, experience His healing, that gives us even more reason to praise and worship Him! ~ *How does it make you feel when you see someone experience healing? Let’s pray God would show us who HE wants US to help find healing in Him this week!*

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May you be a person who seeks Jesus for healing in your life and helps others seek His healing, too. Amen!