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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAYMOND

We recall the healing that took place at the pool of Bethesda. *John 5 v 2-4*. This pool was in Jerusalem by the sheep market, also near the temple. It had five porches, here the sick and diseased gathered to wait for the troubling of the waters. So here we have it . . . many people, the blind, the deaf, the lame (crippled paralysed), all crowded together, lying by the pool of Bethesda, (Bethesda means, The House of Mercy), waiting for the troubling of the waters. The pool of Bethesda refers to the 'waters of God's Mercy'. What a scene we are building. Day after day they lay there. Many, if not all, in desperate condition, waiting for the waters to be troubled. Waiting for the opportunity to step into the waters and be healed.

Now it was that amongst all these people there was a man who had an infirmity for 38 years. In the natural his situation was hopeless. He was paralysed, unable to get down to the pool after the waters were troubled. Listen . . . 38 long years he had suffered in this desperate condition. His situation was 'impossible'. All hope was gone. We read that Jesus had returned to Jerusalem and was in fact walking by this pool. Now as He looked upon the many, many people who were diseased, crippled and suffering all kinds of serious health problems, His heart was moved with compassion. When Jesus saw this impotent man laying there and He knew that this man had been in this condition for a long time Jesus said, "*Wilt thou be made whole?*" - *John 5 v 6*. Pause a moment. Think about what this question which Jesus asks this man, think about what it really means. Also think seriously about this question as if Jesus Christ was speaking directly to you! Jesus was asking him "Are you ready to be healed?". "Are you willing to be made whole? Are you earnest about getting well?" This may seem to be a strange question, someone who had been a hopeless invalid for 38 years. Sometimes, as with this man, you may have lived with something for so long that you have given up all hope of getting better. Also you may have resided to the fact of natural thinking that nothing more can be done for you. So you learn to live with it. Also a strange concept is, that some people choose not to receive healing. They look upon the benefits they receive and would rather live in this manner. So, you see, in asking the question "*Wilt thou be made whole?*" Jesus was searching deep into the man's being. As you ask this question today, Jesus is looking deep into your heart. Jesus is searching your heart today. Jesus is stirring up something within you as He did within this man to cause him, as He will you, to get your eyes off your condition and get them on HIM.

Let Jesus stir up your motives. Ask the question, "Do you want to get well?"