

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 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. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. **John 5:1–3 (NIV)**

One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **John 5:5 (NIV)**

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 5:6 (NIV)**

## HOW DOES GOD HEAL PEOPLE?

### 1. GOD HEALS SOME MIRACULOUSLY

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. **James 5:14–15 (NIV)**

### 2. GOD HEALS SOME THRU MEDICAL SCIENCE

### 3. GOD HEALS EVERYONE THRU HEAVEN

“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.” **John 5:7 (NIV)**

## HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR HEALING BY FAITH

### 1. RESPOND TO THE IMPOSSIBLE WITH FAITH

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up!...” **John 5:8a (NIV)**

### 2. MAKE NO PROVISION FOR A RELAPSE

Then Jesus said to him, “...Pick up your mat...” **John 5:8b (NIV)**

### 3. KEEP WALKING IN THE HEALING GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

Then Jesus said to him, “...walk.” **John 5:8c (NIV)**

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. **Romans 12:2 (NLT)**

Be continually renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh, untarnished mental and spiritual attitude], **Ephesians 4:23 (AMP)**

#### THIS WEEK’S READING:

**AUG 27:** JOHN 7:1-24; 1 CHRON. 27-28; ZECH. 12

**AUG 28:** JOHN 7:25-52; 1 CHRON. 29; ZECH. 13

**AUG 29:** JOHN 8:1-20; 2 CHRON. 1:1-2:16; ZECH. 14

**AUG 30:** JOHN 8:21-47; 2 CHRON. 2:17-5:1; MAL. 1:1-2:9

**AUG 31:** JOHN 8:48-59; 2 CHRON. 5:2-14; MAL. 2:10-4:7

**SEP 1:** JOHN 9:1-23; 2 CHRON. 6; MAL. 2:17-3:18

**SEP 2:** JOHN 9:24-41; 2 CHRON. 7; MAL. 4

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