

Title: House of Healing

Text: John 5:1-9

Target: Do not let expectations of how you think breakthrough should happen prevent you from seeing how God is making breakthrough happen.

- I. **The Magnitude of the Multitude:** *“In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.”* (Vs. 3)
 - A. **The Location:** *“by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda—House of Mercy”* (Vs. 2)
 - B. **The Legend:** **waiting for the moving of the water, for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons in the pool, and stirred the water”* (Vs. 4)
 - C. **The Longing:** *“whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had.”* (Vs. 4)

- II. **The Mercy of our Messiah:** *“One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.”* (Vs.5)
 - A. **Jesus Saw Him:** *“When Jesus saw him lying there”* (Vs. 6a)
 - B. **Jesus Knew Him:** *“and knew that he already been there a long time”* (Vs. 6b)
 1. Knew his Desperation:
 2. Knew his Disappointment:
 - C. **Jesus Asked Him:** *“Do you want to be healed?”* (Vs. 6c)
 - D. **Jesus Listened to Him:** *“The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.”* (Vs. 7)

- III. **The Miracle and the Mat:** *“Jesus said to him....”*
 - A. **The Promise of Healing:**
 1. **Get up:** *“Get up”* (Vs. 8)
 2. **Take Up:** *“take up your bed”* (Vs. 8b)
 3. **Walk Out:** *“and walk”* (Vs. 8c)
 - B. **The Proof of Healing:** *“And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. (Vs. 9)*

Takeaway: The miracle in the house of mercy was not when you come to the water, but when the water comes to you!