

## Whole Healing <br> John 5:1-15 (NASB)

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## John 5:9 (NASB)

9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

## John 5:10 (NASB)

10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet."

## John 5:11 (NASB)

${ }^{11}$ But he answered them, "He who made me well was the one who said to me, 'Pick up your pallet and walk."'

## John 5:12-13 (NASB)

${ }^{12}$ They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Pick up your pallet and walk'?"
${ }^{13}$ But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.

## John 5:14 (NASB)

14. Afterward Jesus *found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

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15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

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## James 5:16 (NASB)

${ }^{16}$ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.


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## Questions

When you get sick, what are you like:

## Oscar the Grouch? Superman? Rip Van Winkle?

Why would Jesus ask, "Do you want to get well?"
Describe a time when you would have said 'No.' How about 'Yes?'
How do you think the man felt in this story who had been disabled for 38 years?

- Helpless and dependent
- Bitter and angry
- Discouraged and depressed
- Resigned to his condition


## Questions

How do you think the man felt when Jesus asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

- Insulted
- Cared for
- Challenged
- Mocked
- Hopeful
- Cynical

How can you relate to this story in terms of your life?

- I feel like l've been stuck where I'm at for 38 years!
- Someone else always seems to "get in" ahead of me?
- I feel powerless to change things
- I'm really not sure why I'm doing what I'm doing


## Questions

If Jesus were to drop in on you today, what would He ask you?

- Do you want to get well?
- What are you doing with your life?
- Are you satisfied with your life?
- Are you looking for the real thing?
- When will you quit complaining and be content?
- Other: $\qquad$
What ailments - physical, spiritual, emotional, relational or otherwise - do you need Jesus to treat in your life?
How do sins, problems or sicknesses become so much part of our identity - that we have trouble letting them go?

In what ways has Jesus made you well and whole?

