

VICTORY HOUR

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Do You WANT to be Made Whole? **JOHN CHAPTER 5:1-15**

INTRODUCTION

What do you do when you find yourself dealing with the same issue, the same sickness, the same circumstance, or the same problem, as you were last year, and the year before that, and the year before that? How do you handle it when you have done everything you know to do but you just seem to be stuck? Perhaps, like the man in our text, you have been dealing with an “infirmity” for a long time. You may be paralyzed, unable to move and have parked on the sideline of life. Let’s look at the story of a man who suffered with a severe condition for 38 long years. Just like this man, you too, by the grace of God, can be healed and made whole.

1) The Man’s Condition (5:5)

- a. His condition was chronic

2) The Man’s Company (5:3)

- a. Impotent people
- b. Blind people
- c. Halt people
- d. Withered people

3) The Lord’s Compassion (5:6)

- a. Jesus sees
- b. Jesus knows
- c. Jesus cares
- d. Jesus confronts

4) The Man's Complaints (5:7)

- a. The man is helpless
- b. The man is hopeless

5) The Lord's Command (5:8-9)

- a. Effort is demanded
- b. Cooperation is expected

6) The Jew's Complaints (5:10-13)

- a. They were legalists
- b. They were arrogant

7) The Man's Confession (5:14-15)

- a. His conversation with Jesus
- b. His declaration of Jesus

Perhaps you are like the man by the pool... impotent, blind, halt and withered. Jesus, in his love and compassion sees you. He knows your situation and He knows just how long you have been there. Just like the man at the pool, Jesus is asking you, "Do you WANT to be made whole? Are you willing to do what you must do to receive what He has for you? Don't make excuse. Don't blame. Just know that He has already made the first step, and He's waiting on you to take the next.