

# Shake you booty!

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### Scripture

Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well? “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!”

John 5:1-10 NLT

### Four things to take away...

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- 3.
- 4.

### Discussion Questions

1. What can we learn about Jesus from his interaction with the man lying by the pool? What is the main thing we need to take away?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose this man from all the others at the pool? Why did Jesus ask the man if he wanted to be healed?
3. What are the chronic problems that have troubled you for years? What needs to happen for you take up your mat, and walk?
4. What can we learn about the religious leaders from their interaction with Jesus? Why were they so angry they wanted to kill him? Does Jesus ever trouble you?

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