

Today's scripture recounts how Jesus healed a man who had been ill for 38 years at the Bethesda pool during a festival in Jerusalem. While he suffered from physical illness, he also carried the burden of emotional pain. Through today's passage, we will explore who Jesus is and how He transforms our despair into hope. I pray that your life will be filled with the hope that God provides, in the name of the Lord.

First, Jesus is the One Who Truly Knows Me.

In today's passage, Jesus approaches the man who had been ill for 38 years and sees him. Verse 6 states that He knew the man had been ill for a long time. When we lose hope and fall into despair, it's easy to feel that no one around us cares or understands us. We might think that there's no one to help us. However, Jesus knows us well. Why? Because He is the Son of God, the Christ. All things were created through Him; we are all made through Jesus. Thus, He knows us better than we know ourselves (refer to Psalm 139:1-6, Jeremiah 1:5, Hebrews 4:15).

Second, Jesus Revives Me Through His Word.

In the passage, the 38-year-old man believed he understood the cause of his despair and thought he had the solution. He felt that if someone could help him and he could be the first to enter the pool, his problems would be resolved. He expressed, "I know the answer to my life; it just hasn't happened yet." How is this man healed? Is it by being the first to enter the pool or by someone helping him? No. Healing occurs when he hears Jesus' words and obeys them. His despair is transformed into hope. I encourage you to seek the living and powerful Word of God in your life, believing that God's word must be heard above all your own ideas.

Third, Jesus is Full of Grace.

The name Bethesda means "house of grace" or "house of mercy." However, in reality, this place was filled with competition and lacked genuine compassion. How does the 38-year-old man experience true grace and healing in this place? It is because he encounters Jesus. Jesus is grace itself (John 1:14). The man did not know Jesus, did not seek Him, and did not ask to be healed. Yet, Jesus knew him first, approached him, and healed him. Jesus is the God of grace.

I hope that a beautiful desire for change and hope arises within us. I pray that our hearts, thoughts, words, and actions transform into what the Lord desires.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

**Bible
Reading**

10/7(Mon)	10/8(Tue)	10/9(Wed)	10/10(Thur)	10/11(Fri)	10/12(Sat)	10/13(Sun)
Habakkuk 2-3, Zephaniah 1-2	Zephaniah 3, Haggai 1-2	Zechariah 1-6	Zechariah 7-11	Zechariah 12-14, Malachi 1-2	Malachi 3-4, Matthew 1-2	Matthew 3-6

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Quiet Time Passage

10/7(Mon)	10/8(Tue)	10/9(Wed)	10/10(Thur)	10/11(Fri)	10/12(Sat)	10/13(Sun)
Hosea 5:1-15	Hosea 6:1-11	Hosea 7:1-16	Hosea 8:1-14	Hosea 9:1-9	Hosea 9:10-13	Hosea 10:1-15

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share any new insights or grace you received from today's message.
2. Reflect on how you may resemble the 38-year-old man; if so, in what ways?
3. Share areas in your life where you feel Jesus is calling you to rise up, and let's pray together about this.