

well?" ~ John 5:6

GOD CARES

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

John 5:1-9

ADDITIONAL READING

Luke 10:25-37 & Ezekiel 16:4-14

PRAY THIS:

+ Lord, in this new month, go beyond all my incapacities, inabilities, lack of connections, disappointments, heartbreaks, letdowns, abandonment and neglect; and pick me out of a crowd, to turn a long and pending situation around in my favor, in Jesus name. It must have been a heartbreaking and gut-wrenching sight to see these

"When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made

many immobilized and infirm people in the same place at the same time. Despite their teeming population, the source of help and healing was limited and only one person could be helped at a time. Isn't that a replica of life sometimes? So much need yet so little to meet them, so much pain but little peace to go round. Many people are heartbroken, confused, suicidal, hopeless and worst of all, do not see any form of relief ahead. However, is there really so little to go around? Are there not people around us who can reach out to us in our pain, loneliness, need or in our low moments? Isn't there someone who notices our tears, and hears our desperation or sees that we have not made progress in a long while? It is sad that although this man had been at the pool for 38 years, he didn't (and couldn't) find one person to pay enough attention to his situation and help him. None of those once healed stayed back to help him. None decided, seeing how desperate his situation was, to step back and allow him go first. No surprise; it is simply because man is naturally selfish and is driven by his own needs. The sick man said, "Before I step in, another steps in before me."

There was Someone who noticed him however. Although busy Himself, He saw the paralytic in the crowd, He saw him lying helplessly on the floor, He was mindful to attend to him and He knew his situation had dragged for long...to a point of embarrassment. Jesus reached out to him and ended his 38-year old shame, incapacitation, disappointment and abandonment. Divinity stepped into his case and there was a turnaround. People may not see you nor hear your silent cries because they are too busy trying to 'settle' themselves, but God sees you and deeply cares. He delights in helping the helpless and remembering the forgotten. When He saw that Leah was unloved by her husband, He opened her womb; and although David's dad didn't think him fit to be anointed King, God brought him from the 'back' and made him the King. Don't despair, God sees, God hears and God cares. You may have looked around and no help came; Now look up, your help is from 'above!' Hallelujah!!

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