Do You Want to Get Well?

in Love

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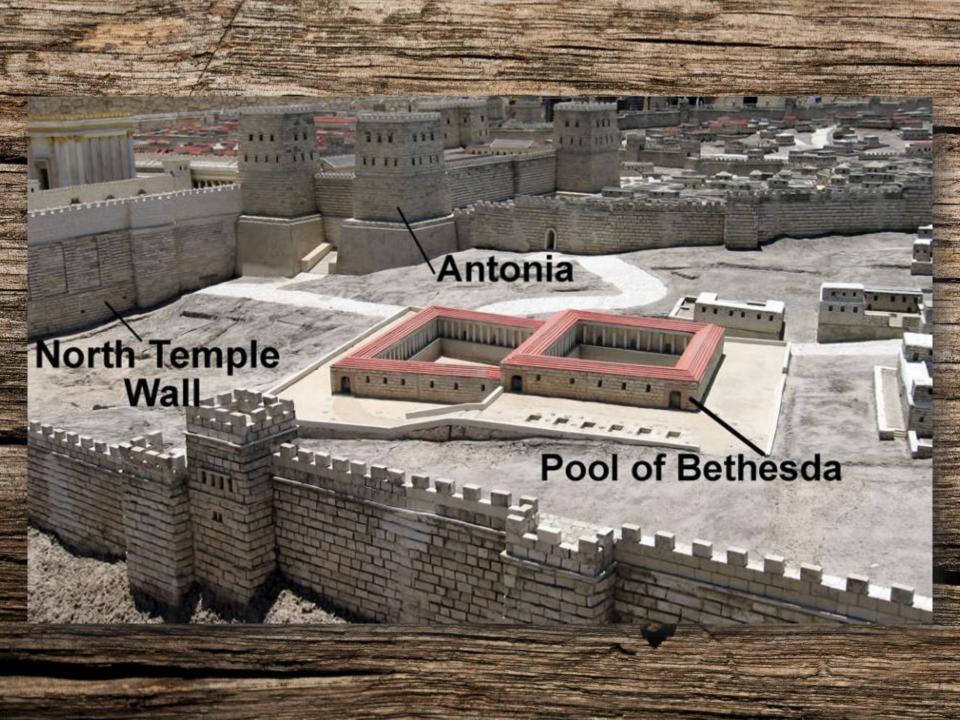
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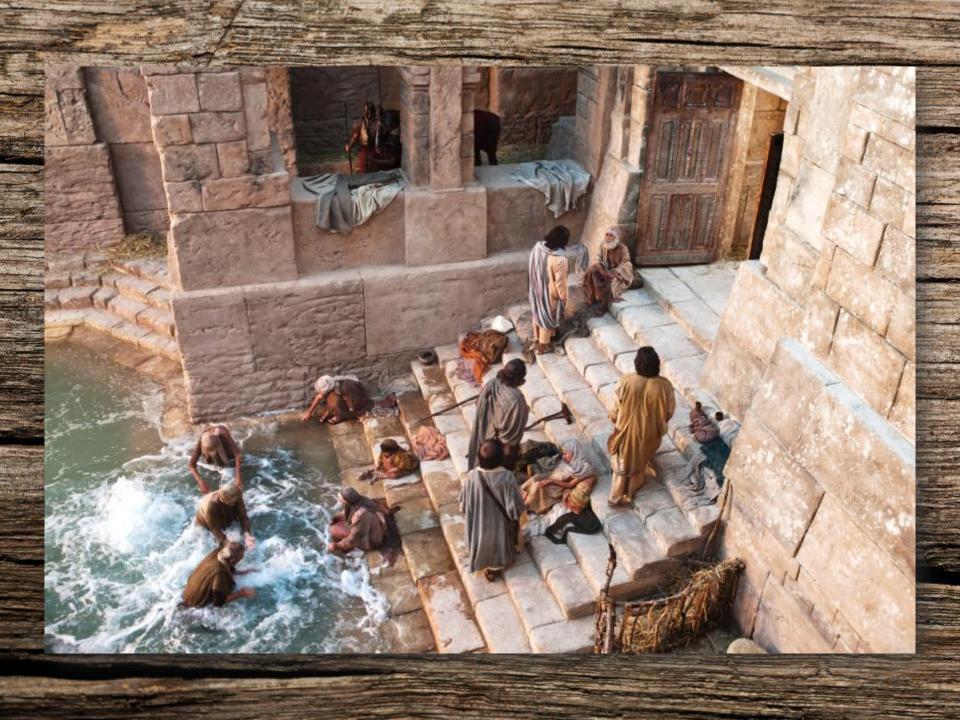
Falling





¹After this there was a Jewish festival, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.² In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethsaida. It had five covered porches, ³ and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there [waiting for the water to move. ⁴ Sometimes an angel would come down to the pool and stir up the water. Then the first one going into the water after it had been stirred up was cured of any sickness.]







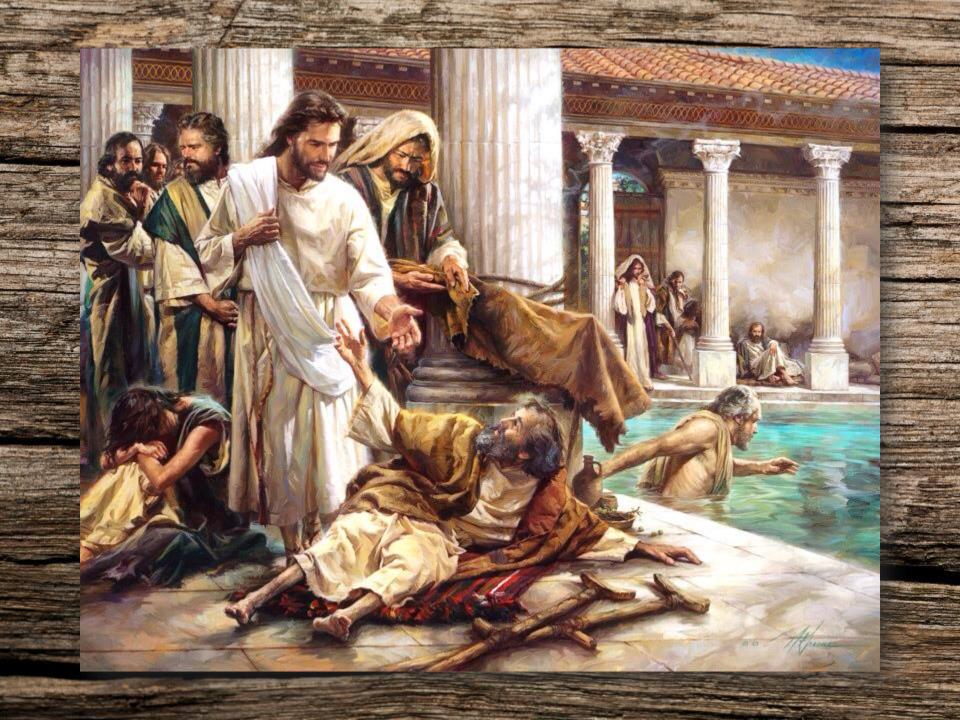
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*Critical editions of the Greek New Testament do not include this addition.

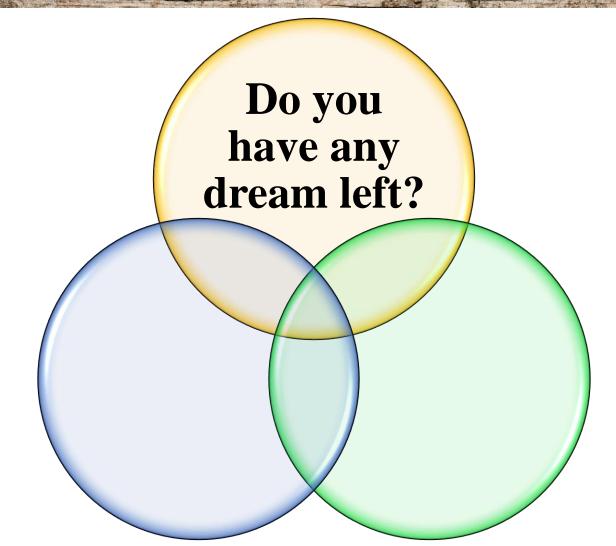




⁵ A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, He asked him, "Do you want to get well?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I don't have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I'm trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me."



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⁸ Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked....





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¹⁰ The Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, "It's the Sabbath; you aren't allowed to carry your mat."

¹¹ He answered, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'"

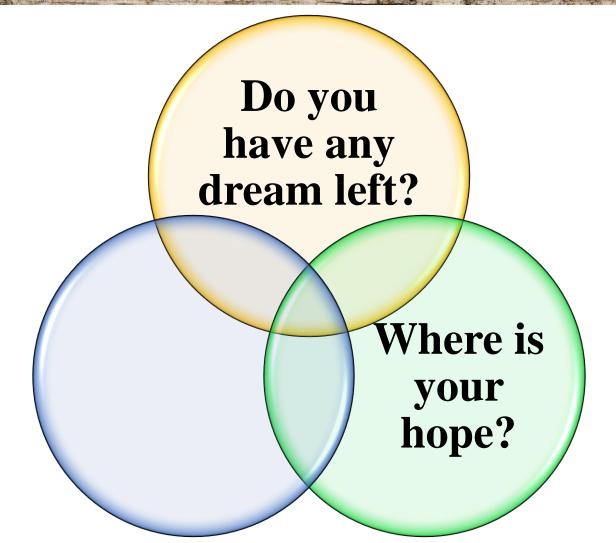
¹² They inquired, "Who is this man who said to you, 'Pick it up and walk'?" ¹³ The man who had been cured didn't know who it was, because Jesus had slipped away from the crowd gathered there.





¹⁴ Later Jesus found him in the temple and said, "See! You have been made well. Don't sin anymore in case something worse happens to you." ¹⁵ The man went and proclaimed to the Jewish leaders that Jesus was the man who had made him well.

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