

## ***Don't be consumed by your struggle***

### *John 1- 15*

There was a pool in Jerusalem called Bethesda. Bethesda had five porches in it. In these porches lay sick people with all kinds of sickness and disease. They laid there waiting for the moving of the water. An angel would come down at a certain season to stir the water. After the water has been stirred - whosoever (the first) one who steps into the water was healed.

In this lesson there was a certain man there who had been sick for 38 years. When Jesus saw this man laying there knowing he had been in that ill state for a long time Jesus went and asked him if he wanted to be made whole (healed). The sick man replied with a complaint. He said, "I have no one to put me into the pool. Every time I try to get into the pool someone else steps in before me."

The Bible didn't tell us what kind of sickness this man has. We just know that this man was sick for a long time (38 years). This man is laying in one of the porches at Bethesda waiting for his time. He's waiting on his season to be healed.

Somewhere along the lines this man got consumed by his struggle. He got discouraged because every time he went to step into the water someone else stepped in before him, so now he's waiting for someone else to put him into the water.

Don't be consumed by your struggle. No one can put you into the water, no one can put you into the anointing.

Stop looking for someone to do something for you. Anytime you are that close to the water, anytime you are that close to a blessing and you can't get it - that's a problem. You're close, but not close enough. You're moving too slow - you're waiting on others - don't be consumed by your struggle, get into the water.

Jesus (the anointed one) came unto this man. After hearing this man's complaint - Jesus said, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." Jesus said rise - because he could. Take up your bed and walk - stand on your feet and pick up that which had you bound and walk into your healing. Pick up that sickness - grab a hold of that thing that takes control and walk. Walk into your blessing. Walk into your deliverance. Walk into your victory. Rise up and conquer this thing.

Don't be consumed by your struggle but rise up and be healed. With God we are more than conquerors - you can conquer this. The Bible said immediately this man was made whole (healed). He heard, he listened, he obeyed God, and immediately he was made whole.

Listen and obey God. Bask in the splendor of his glory. Lay in the presence of God - worship Him. Get your mind off of your problem - get your mind off of the struggle and focus on God. Isaiah 26:3 God will keep you in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on him. The water is trouble - the angel has stirred up God's Glory Healing in the water. Get into the water - get into the anointing. It is the anointing that destroys the yoke. Don't be consumed by your struggle, but step into your healing.