

## How Bad Do You Want It? – Bible Study Lesson

### John 5:1-9 (NLT)

**1** Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days.

**2** Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches.

**3** Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches.

**5** One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.

**6** When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”

**7** “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.”

In the scripture we just read, there's a man who's been lying at a pool, paralyzed for 38 years. Jesus comes and asks him a simple and straightforward question. **Would you like to get well?** Here's where the story gets interesting. The man doesn't even answer the question Jesus asked. He begins to explain why he is where Jesus found him. The answer should have been obvious. But Jesus gives him a chance to verbalize his desire. The man says, **“I can't. There's no one here to put me in the pool. Someone always gets in before me.”**

Even though that is irrelevant and immaterial to the question, I can imagine the lame man feeling some relief, after giving Jesus justification for his current condition. **Jesus doesn't even consider his excuse.** He tells the man, to get up, pick up his bed, and walk. Our question for you is simple. **How bad do you want it?**

### Luke 13:10-13 (AMP)

**10 Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.**

**11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had an illness caused by a spirit (demon). She was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.**

**12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are released from your illness.”**

**13 Then He laid His hands on her; and immediately she stood erect again and she began glorifying and praising God.**

The Bible says the woman had been dealing with her illness, caused by a demon for 18 years. However, she never stopped coming. She knew where the power to heal her was. So, she kept coming until her time came. Obviously, she became the topic of conversation, after coming week after week. **WHEN YOUR DAY COMES, YOU’LL GO FROM BEING TALKED ABOUT, TO BEING TAUGHT ABOUT!!**

**1. Do you want it bad enough to keep coming back?**

**Mark 5:25-29 (NASB)**

**25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,**

**26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse**

**27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak.**

**‘28 For she had been saying to herself, “If I just touch His garments, I will get well.”**

**29 And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.**

The Bible shows us how serious this woman is about her healing. It says, she went to many physicians and spent all she had. She exhausted her

available resources, believing she would get better. We should always do all we can. The miracle happens when God does what we can't. Then, she heard about Jesus. So, she said. Then, she did. Do you want it bad enough to utilize all available options?

## **2. Do you want it bad enough to press through discomfort?**

### **2 Kings 5:10-14 (NASB)**

**10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and you will be clean."**

**11 But Naaman was furious and went away, and he said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will certainly come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the site and cure the leprosy.'**

**12 Are Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, not better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.**

**13 Then his servants approached and spoke to him, saying, "My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"**

**14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, in accordance with the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.**

What happens when what you've tried is not working? Like Naaman, you should seek God's help. The scripture says, ask and it shall be given. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened. The instruction was, "Dip 7 times to be made whole." Do you still want it if everyone can see you need help? **If you want it bad enough, DIP AGAIN!!**

## **3. Do you want it bad enough to admit you need help?**

### **Mark 10:46-48 (NLT)**

**46 Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road.**

**47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”**

**48 “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”**

When we believe God for something, the enemy will often send voices of contradiction, telling us why it’s not going to happen. The people told Bartimaeus to be quiet. That made him shout louder. Never let anyone who already has, tell you why you’re not qualified to have. Speaking faith is one of the most important things we can do. **Remember, life and death are in the power of the tongue.**

**4. Do you want it bad enough to keep speaking faith?**

**Mark 5:36-41 (NLT)**

**36 But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith.”**

**37 Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn’t let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James).**

**38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing.**

**39 He went inside and asked, “Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.”**

**40 The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl’s father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying.**

**41 Holding her hand, he said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means “Little girl, get up!”**

When we're in faith for something, we must be conscious of whom we connect with. The scriptures says, "Jesus heard them laughing and talking unbelief." So, He put them out. You must detach yourself from any idea, idiot, or idea that contradicts God's plan for you. **Remember to, CUT THE TURKEYS LOOSE!!**

#### **5. Do you want it bad enough to disconnect from the doubters?**

In the scriptures, there's a man who's been lying at a pool, paralyzed for 38 years. Jesus comes and asks him a simple and straightforward question. **Would you like to get well?** He makes an excuse as to why he is in that case. Jesus doesn't even consider his excuse. He tells the man, to get up, pick up his bed, and walk. If we are to experience divine healing, we must answer this question: **How bad do you want it?**