“Would You Like to Be Healed?”

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Wouldn’t that be a strange thing to ask a person? I mean, who wouldn’t want to be healed? Picture some of the people in your own family orbit struggling with an ailment that just will not let them settle. You know the afflictions, and you know the pain associated with them. Can you think of any one of your family members who would be inclined to respond negatively to that question? Can you hear a single one of them honestly saying, “Thanks, but no thanks”? I suppose there are some who are happily surviving off their meager welfare check; but I venture to guess that most people would leap at the opportunity (if I can put it that way) to renew a lease on a life which had been ripped from their grasp.

The historic scene is played outside the Pool of Bethesda. Many, many sick and injured are lying on their rags waiting for the legendary stirring of the water when an angel should cause the healing of the first person into the pool. Jesus happens upon a man who has lain thus for thirty-eight years — thirty-eight years! Anonymously, Jesus walks through the crowd and singles out this seemingly hopeless case, who has not even a friend to help him into the water should the stirring begin. Without showing even a business card of introduction, Jesus asks the man if he would like to be healed. You remember how the story goes: "Would you like to be healed?"

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For many years it has been somewhat perplexing to me that we don’t see this kind of healing from Jesus’ followers like was seen in the early days of Christianity. Oh, I know … go to the right church and pay the fee, and you’ll leap out of the church door with broken crutches. I would like to see some of these holy healers walk through the wards of any one of a thousand children’s hospitals across the nation. Let them visit the infants who have lost every hair on their bodies because of the administration of radiation and chemicals and who knows what other drugs. Don’t talk to me about paying for healing. And don’t talk to me about how only those with faith in Jesus can be healed. The man in the story above had faith in the Pool; he didn’t even know who Jesus was.

The call of Jesus goes out today: “Would you like to be made whole?” Right now around the world are staggering numbers relating to the numbers of people who die out of pure ignorance. Human beings eat things, drink things, wear things, and live in places that are unwholesome. We have a natural bent to providing for ourselves situations that only hurt us. Are you ready to be used anonymously? Get out there and see what the Spirit can do through you.

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