

# A House of Mercy







<sup>1</sup>Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.  
<sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. <sup>3</sup>Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed . . .

John 5:1-15 (NIV)



**<sup>5</sup>One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” <sup>7</sup>“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred.**

**John 5:1-15 (NIV)**



**While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.”<sup>9</sup> At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,**

**John 5:1-15 (NIV)**



**<sup>10</sup>and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” <sup>11</sup>But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” <sup>12</sup>So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”**

**John 5:1-15 (NIV)**



**<sup>13</sup>The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. <sup>14</sup>Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”**

**John 5:1-15 (NIV)**



**<sup>15</sup>The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.**

**John 5:1-15 (NIV)**



# Mercy Asks the Question



**The Location: Bethesda  
(House of Mercy)**

**The Man: Lame, but living in  
weakness**

**The Question: Do you want to  
be made (Whole)?**



**Mercy Covers  
Our Character**



**<sup>23</sup>Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. <sup>25</sup>He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.**

**John 2:23-25 (NIV)**



**Mercy is Not A  
Moment, But A  
Movement**