

# God is heading to the pool

**If you could describe your best friend with just one word what would it be? What word would they use to describe you?**

**Describe the kind of friend you really want to have.**

**Pray about becoming this kind of friend.**

*He said to him, "Do you want to get well?" John 5:6*

The pool is usually a fun place to be but not this one. This pool was special. The pool of Bethesda was where many of the lame, sick, and blind would gather. The story goes that an angel would come and trouble (or stir up) the water and the first one on would be healed.

Jesus met a man there who has been paralyzed 38 yrs. Jesus asked a strange question, "Do you want to get well?" The man responded by saying that he did but had no one to bring him into to the pool.

How about you? Do you want to get well? The man was counting on others to bring him to the water and could not find any willing to sacrifice time or energy to help him. Do you have friends who, if you were sick, would do anything to heal you?

There is another story which is the polar opposite. There was a man who was paralyzed who wanted to get well. He had a few friends who knew where Jesus was speaking. When they arrived there was no room. So what did they do? They tore the roof off the house and lowered their friend into the room, right in front of Jesus, where he was healed and forgiven.

If you need to be well and forgiven, pray and ask Christ to do this. If you are unsure, find a Christian friend to pray with you. If you are a Christian consider talking with a friend who is not well physically or spiritually and introduce them to Jesus, the healer of body and soul.

Read John 5: 1-15, Mark 2:1-12, Proverbs 17:17

**Send God a comment (prayer). God, send me the kind of friends....**