THE PARALYTIC
MAN OF BETHESDA

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

John 5:8

IMAGINATION TIME

I want everyone to close their eyes. Think about living in the time of Jesus where there were no hospitals, doctors, or even proper medication. Imagine that you were the lame man who was unable to walk for a very long time. Have you ever sat for a long time and your foot fell asleep. How did it feel to try to walk?

Hmmmm, let's find out what happens next… 🤔

The paralytic man was unable to walk for **38 years**. Don't you think **38 years** is a very long time for someone to be <u>unable to move</u>? The Pool of Bethesda was a very famous pool where all the sick people would gather and wait for the angel to come and stir the water. Whoever was the first person to get into the water was healed from their sickness.

Look here! That's the paralytic man!

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

As Jesus was walking, he saw the paralytic man by the pool. Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed. The man did not know who Jesus was and told him that no one would help him to get into the pool. Jesus told the man "**Rise, take up your bed and walk.**" Immediately, the man was healed. It's a miracle! 😊

🚨 INVESTIGATION TIME 🚨

Wow, Jesus healed the paralytic man and he was able to walk after 38 years.
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Let's see, Why did Jesus heal him out of all the sick people at the pool?

I think because he had **NO ONE** to take care of him.

No ONE meaning no Family or Friend or even a stranger to help him out!

Thank God, I have my family and friends.