



PARTICIPATE IN YOUR OWN HEALING

God's salvation is an _____ to participate in our own healing.

² 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. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ 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?” ⁷ “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked....

*¹⁴ 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 5:2-9; 14)*

A. The Invitations of Jesus

1. Jesus invited the man _____.
2. Jesus invited the man to _____ being defined by his illness and to _____ in his own healing.
 - i. Jesus did not heal the man without his participation or his _____.
3. Jesus invited the man to _____.

B. How do I Participate in my Own Healing?

1. _____ God.

⁸ *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

¹⁰ *If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*
(1 John 1:8-10)

“In order for us to walk day by day in fellowship with God and with our fellow believers, we must confess our sins: sins of commission, sins of omission, sins of thought, sins of act, secret sins, and public sins. We must drag them out into the open before God, call them by their names, take sides with God against them and forsake them.”

– William MacDonald

2. _____ God

i. Transformation and healing always begin with cooperating with God
_____ right now, not where you think you should be.

³⁹ *Going a little ahead, he fell on his face, praying, “My Father, if there is any way, get me out of this. But please, not what I want. You, what do you want?” (Matthew 26:29 MSG)*

ii. To cooperate with God is to _____ your life and
_____ the life that God has for you.

Today’s Big Idea...

God’s _____ requires your _____.

FAMILY MATTERS

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Adam Scherer who recently passed away.
Sympathy is extended to Joie Ju and her family on the recent loss of Joie’s mother, Jung-In Na.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever experienced or seen healing from God?
2. Why do you think God does not answer our prayers for healing?
3. Have you ever had a spiritual mentor? Who has that person been in your life?
4. What characteristics do you look for in a spiritual mentor?
5. What gets in your way from experiencing your own healing in God? What excuses have you used?