"Do you want to get well?"
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The Healing at the Pool
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- Jesus finds himself in an unpopular, avoidable place.
- He asks a pointed question: "Do you want to get well?"
- Wellness implies more than our physical state
- The mat is a testimonial artifact

The Invalid's Posture

- Jesus' question confronted his desires and not his need
- The invalid deflects! What's behind his "non-answer" answer?
- He's then invited by Jesus to take a big risk

Picking Up Our Mats

- The things we desire: are they too shallow? Jesus is after the deeper thing.
- Healing may involve big risks on our part.
- Big risk → great testimony!

The invalid was invited to get involved in his healing. Jesus transformed the site of his suffering into a tool of his testimony.

Question: Do I want to get well – and am I willing to take my testimony with me?