

## **Rise!**

Jesus visited a pool near the Shepherd's Gate in Jerusalem. The people called it Bethesda. In Hebrew it is Bet hesda. Bet is house and hesda is grace. Therefore, Bethesda means the house of grace. Hesda begins with the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, He, which means grace. Five porches surround the pool (John 5:2, NKJV). Five in Hebrew means grace.

Many sick people visited the pool hoping they would be the first to enter the water after an angel had stirred it (John 5:3-4). One visitor was a man with a thirty-eight-year infirmity. Jesus asked this man if he wanted to be healed. He said, "Yes, but I cannot get to the water before another step in ahead of me. Jesus said to the man, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." As the man rose from his bed, his feet and legs became strong (John 5:5-9). Jesus gave unmerited, unearned, undeserved grace to the man.

Beloved, no one has to stay on their bed of sickness, be it physical, mental, or emotional. Therefore, rise from your bed of sickness, anger, unforgiveness to another, selfishness that corrupts your marriage, fear, self-pity, a perverted mind, financial lack, addictions, and unbelief. The only thing you need is to believe in Jesus, who gives unmerited, unearned, undeserved grace to anyone who asks. Shalom!!

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