



Waiting On God

John 5:5 -6

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

And Jesus saw him lie and knew that he had been now a long time in that case (condition), he saith unto him, Wilt (do you want to be) thou be made whole?

Infirmity (Greek) Asthenia, feebleness of body or mind; malady, frailty, disease, sickness, weakness.

Usually infirmity is associated with sickness, but an infirmity can be lacking of strength or effectiveness. It can be a fault especially one arising from human weakness or a disorder. This man had been in his condition for thirty-eight years.

He had been there so long until he had given up hope. The Bible states at certain times the angels would come and stir up the water and whoever stepped in first after the water had been stirred would be healed. The man had tried to get into the pool, but every time he would try to get in, someone would beat him in. After trying so many times the man began to wait on someone to place him in the pool.

You can be in a situation for so long until you give up hope. We begin to think that God doesn't know what we're going through or He's not going to help since it's been so long and all we see is darkness, gloom and doom.

You can't see yourself as a conquer.

The Bible states, Jesus saw the man lying there and knew he had been in that state for a long time.

There is nothing that you or I will go through and God not know what's going on in our lives. According to the Bible there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Although this man had been in the condition he was in for thirty-eight years, it wasn't his time until the day Jesus asked him did he want to be healed. If it had been his time when he tried to get in the water, God would not have allowed someone else to beat him in while he was making an effort. If it had been his time, God would have allowed someone to assist him to the pool to receive his healing.

Many times we have waited on God for years and have become weary in well doing, but God will not go against the time frame He has set for your healing whether its in your body, mind, spirit, heart, finances or a relationship.

The infirmity you have only God can get to the root of it. In order for something to be destroyed it has to be taken from the root and destroyed, if not, it will return. When it returns, it will be stronger than it was in the beginning.

Secondly, you have to want to be made whole. God is not coming against your will. What you agree with and allow, God will agree with and allow. If you want to stop something that is going on in your

life, begin to ask God to deliver you from the enemy and the infirmity of your soul. After you have stop agreeing with whatever you're going through; after you have prayed, fasted, binded and loosed, and applied the blood of Jesus against the problem; and after you have spoken the word of God over the problem and it's still there, know that it's not your season or time to be delivered no matter how long you have been in the state you're in.

Too many times, Christians have lost their blessings because they say and think they have waited too long, if God was going to do something, He would have done it by now. In our patience which is waiting, the Bible instructs us to possess our souls. Our soul is our thoughts, wills and emotions.

So many times the reason why we have to wait for such a length of time for our deliverance is because God is taking something out of us and placing more of Him in us. Our thoughts need to be according to the Bible.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Sometimes it takes years for us to get our thinking in line with God's promises and instructions.

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Sometimes we can believe a doctor's report before we can believe what God's word says about our healing. We can believe our checking account rather than believe God can create something from our nothing. He can take a marriage that has been dead for years and speak life to it. He can take a wayward child and speak obedience into them and they will live according to God's purpose and plans. Often the infirmities we're having is not a sickness, but a weakness in body, spirit and emotions. Our faith in God must not be like a see-saw. Today we believe, tomorrow we're doubting because we're walking in our emotions and not in faith.

He deals with our emotions until they stop being like a see-saw. One minute we're up, the next minute we're down. God wants to get us to a point until nothing said or done will hinder or stop us from doing what God has called us to do. Many times Satan trips us in our emotions and our thoughts and God has to deal with us until Satan, his imps, his followers or ourselves will not have rule or dominion in us. Know you're waiting for a reason. When you have done all that you can do, and have given it over to God and nothing still hasn't changed, know that God is working something out for your good!

We become weak in our faith when we begin to look at what we're going through and how long we have been in the situation rather than looking to Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

The man with the infirmity for thirty-eight years believed he would receive healing if he could get in the water, if not, he wouldn't have been lying there trying and waiting for someone to help him in the pool.

Stop looking and measuring how long you've been in a situation and begin to encourage yourself in the Lord. You encourage yourself by prophesying to yourself the word of God. Too many times, we're waiting for someone to speak a word to us, as a believer speak to yourself.

Listen to what you're saying to yourself. When have you said I'm blessed, I have the favor of God in my life. When have you said the Lord is my Strength, He is my Shepherd and the Bishop of my soul, He is my redeemer? God's thoughts towards us are not evil, but to bring us into an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

You're not in something that God doesn't know about. Surely as He allowed you to enter into it, He will also give you a way of escape when you seek Him with your whole heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all of your heart.

There is no sin greater than God, there is no sickness greater than God. There is nothing going on in your life that is greater than God no matter how long you've been in it. God is the God that speaks to mountains, parts seas, opens blinded eyes, raises the dead, speaks life, mends broken hearts, heals wounded spirits, regulates minds, performs spiritual surgery, and gives blood transfusions.

He's our refuge, burden carrier, joy, peace, physician, counselor. He's our God and there is no other god greater than our God!

Whatever has a stronghold over you is an infirmity whether its spiritual, physical or emotional. Through the Spirit of God that lives within you, you can defeat the spirit of infirmity, because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Romans 8:37

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

If the Spirit of the Living God dwells in you, you are more than a conquer even if it seems like you're losing! Know within yourself just as God was with the three Hebrew boys, God will be with you in your fiery furnace. Just as God was with Joseph in prison, He will open the door of your prison. Just as God made the walls of Jericho fall, He will destroy the walls of sin and shame in your life. He will fight against the adversaries in your life when you give Him your life.

You may have been told because you have been in a situation for so long that you're not in the will of God or that's not God's plan.

Joseph was a teenager when God placed a calling on his life. Joseph went from being his father's favorite child to being sold to the Ishmaelite, and from the Ishmaelite to Egypt. He was placed in Potiphar's house. Because he wouldn't commit adultery with Potiphar's wife, she lied and he was placed in prison. Joseph was thirty years old when he became the governor in Egypt. Joseph loved God and submitted himself to God, but it didn't keep him from going through the things he went through in

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order to get in the place God had ordained for him to be. The length of your infirmity or situation does not dictate your spirituality or you not being in the will of God.

Getting to where God wants you to be will not be an over-night experience. Now, there are some situations we have placed ourselves in and God didn't have anything to do with it. Repent, and ask God to deliver you. You don't have to stay there because you placed yourself there. God can and will deliver you from your mistakes, but you have to confess your fault to God and want to be delivered. You have to want to be in God's will no matter what you have to go through and how long it may take you to get to where God is directing you.

If you have a weakness whether its talking too much or eating too much, indulging in physical gratification with ourselves or with someone other than our spouse, we need to repent, pray and commit ourselves to the Lord.

1st John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

There are some things we have gotten ourselves in and nobody can deliver us, but God. The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life has gotten many in trouble spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, financially and relationally. If you be truthful to yourself and truthful with God and desire to be delivered from feebleness of the mind and actions, God will deliver. Sometimes it's not so much we need deliverance from others, but needing deliverance from ourselves.

Don't wait for someone to go to God on your behalf, you begin to

bow you heart and knees in prayer, you confess to God and repent, and ask for Him to deliver you.

And when you seek Him with your whole heart, you will find Him. There is nothing too hard for God, trust in Him. You may be going through a sickness or something in your family, give the matter to God and find His peace in the situation. God will give you peace in the midst of your storm.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

When God is orchestrating what you're going through, no matter how long it's been or how bad it may seem to be, God will give you His peace.

As a soldier of Christ, we cannot allow our emotions or wills get in the way of the work God has for us. We can't be concerned about whether people like us or not. If you're doing what God has called you to do, just as Jesus wasn't liked by many people neither will you. Friends and family will some time reject you because of your commitment to God. Know whatever you go through and the length you go through; as long as you submit your will to God, you will come out with the victory!

1st Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish (confirm) strengthen, settle you.

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