

THE STUCK SET FREE
John 5:1-9

LONG-TIME DISABLED

John 5:5 – One who was there had been an invalid for *thirty eight years*.
Overlooked by others; given up by self

NOTICED AND CHALLENGED BY JESUS

John 5:6 – 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?*”
Question of faith: Is it belief in God or believing God?
Core Value: Real change comes from God’s Word, God’s Spirit and God’s People

EVASIVE ANSWER

John 5:7 – “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.”
We all have our reasons

GOD’S UNEXPECTED WORK

John 5:8 – Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.
Believing God has costs

CAR TALK:

What situations have you accepted as unchanging and unchangeable?
How would this passage prompt you to pray consistently again?