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John 5

It was the only hope they had—waiting by the pool for the water to stir—waiting for the healing these stirrings could bring. If the leaders of the day had been properly focused, there wouldn't have been any waiting by the pool. In fact, by the time John writes this, they had already quit waiting by it. John says, "Here a great number of disabled people used to lie". A new leader had come to town; the waiting was over.

It seems today, in many cases, we have gone back to waiting. We wait in our churches for the water to stir—waiting for the healing these stirrings can bring. The man in this story had waited for 38 years. How many today have done the same thing?

How many of today's leaders are guilty of the same thing the leaders in this story were guilty of. John writes in 5:39-40, "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

Is it possible, even today, to study and know the Scriptures and yet miss the life of which they speak? Are we somehow coming to the Scriptures, yet not coming to Christ? Do those who wait continue to do so because there is none to help them?

In the absence of life, a great number of disabled people are waiting.