

## When we sin, we suffer.

*Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you." John 5:14 (ESV)*

*Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.  
Proverbs 26:11 (ESV)*

## All sin brings suffering but all suffering does NOT come from sin.

*Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. John 9:3 (ESV)*

What questions should we ask in times of suffering?

- i. Is this suffering a consequence of my sin?
- ii. Is this suffering God's loving hand of discipline to break me from sin?
- iii. Is this suffering a platform for God to show his glory?

## Ungrateful Backstabber

*The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.  
John 5:15 (ESV)*

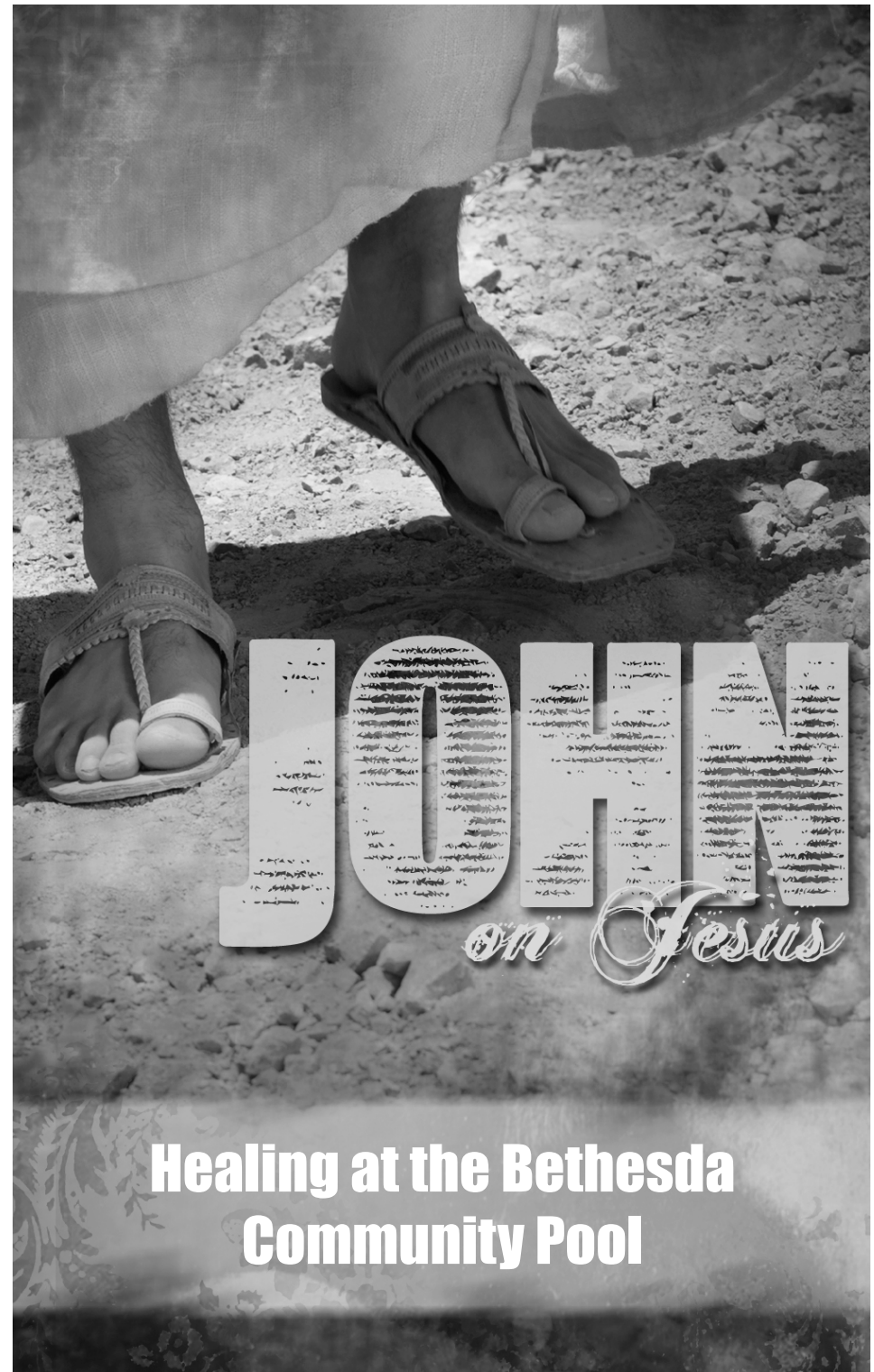
## What makes this story amazing?

When we are at our worst,  
Jesus is at his best.

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John 5:1-14

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### Pools Of Pitiful People

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. John 5:1–4 (ESV)



waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred the water: whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had John 5:4 (ESV)

### One Pathetic Man

One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. John 5:5 (ESV)

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” John 5:6 (ESV)

**Don’t let your infirmity become your identity.**

**Don’t claim you want to be healed if you don’t want to change.**

### The Fine Art of Blame Shifting

The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” John 5:7 (ESV)

**To have a friend, be a friend.**

Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. John 5:8–9 (ESV)

### Straining Gnats And Swallowing Camels

So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” John 5:10 (ESV)

You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! Matthew 23:24 (ESV)

**Get rid of the checklist! Stop acting religious.**

But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” John 5:11 (ESV)

They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. John 5:12–13 (ESV)

**If there is anything good in my life, give God the credit.**