

**Snapshots of the Savior  
He Brings Hope  
Week 2 of 9  
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John 5:1-9a, 14 (NASB)

**1**After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

**2**Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

**3**In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters;

**4**for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]

**5**A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.

**People going through tough times need \_\_\_\_\_**

**6**When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

**7**The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

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**8**Jesus said to him, "Get up, pick up your pallet and walk."

**9**Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk.

**14**Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."

4 steps to helping someone going through a tough time

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **to them**
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **to them**
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **with them and for them**
4. \_\_\_\_\_ **with them**

I Corinthians 13:12 (Message)

**12**We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

II Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

**3**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4**who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Psalms 94:19 (NLT)

When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.