

**Reading for the week of May 22/22:**

John 5:1-9

This reading is very powerful, and thought provoking. It tells us about a man who had been seeking healing for thirty-eight years. He was not physically able to get to the water after it was stirred up by an angel of the Lord, and that appears to have caused him to feel hopeless and discouraged.

Throughout Scripture, we see numerous examples of healings, but the way to that healing is oftentimes different.

As we read this passage, we discover that Jesus didn't require this man to go into the pool after all. Jesus had compassion on this man, and simply said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk."

This reading gives us a reminder to seek the healer, more than we seek healing from whatever infirmity we may have.

The methods that Jesus uses in each case may differ, but the thing that never changes is that Jesus is our healer always.

Through Jesus, there is always hope!