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¹ Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. ² Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ^{4,5} One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 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?" 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." ⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, **John 5:1-9 (NIV)**

The Longer a Problem Persists

1. The more _____ you become.
2. The more _____ you make.
3. The more you learn to _____
 - You cannot _____ until you _____ the problem.

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John 5:8-9 (NIV)

- You can't help someone who _____ help.
 You can only help someone who _____ help.
- The _____ is the biggest obstacle to _____
- Healing will not begin until your desire is _____ than your _____.
- Healing often doesn't come in the _____ we _____ it will _____.

My Choice:

I must...

- _____ to change
- Be _____ to change

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Admit that I am lost and to ask Jesus to receive and forgive me.
- Want to change and to be willing to do whatever God ask in order to experience that change.
- Give thanks the changes God has brought and keep being open to the changes He will bring.
- Meditate on and/or memorize 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. **(NIV)**