



Daily Verse and Comment

[John 5:3](#)

(3) In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame,¹ paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.

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In this account, five physical details represent a sinner's spiritual condition:

- » First, some were too sick and disabled to walk to the pool. Sins are physically—and even more so—mentally incapacitating, keeping the sinner down emotionally and spiritually.
- » Second, some were too weak to do anything about their condition. [Sin](#) leaves people without the vigor and resources to overcome it.
- » Third, some were blind. Sin maintains spiritual blindness, producing a lack of discernment between right and wrong.
- » Fourth, some were lame or crippled. Sin debilitates so that one cannot walk uprightly in God's way of life.
- » Fifth, the limbs of some had withered and atrophied through paralysis. Sin paralyzes people's efforts to improve themselves, and without the power of [God's Spirit](#), they are unable to produce the [fruit of the spirit](#) ([Galatians 5:21-22](#)).

— Martin G. Collins

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