

Message

“Stirring Things Up”

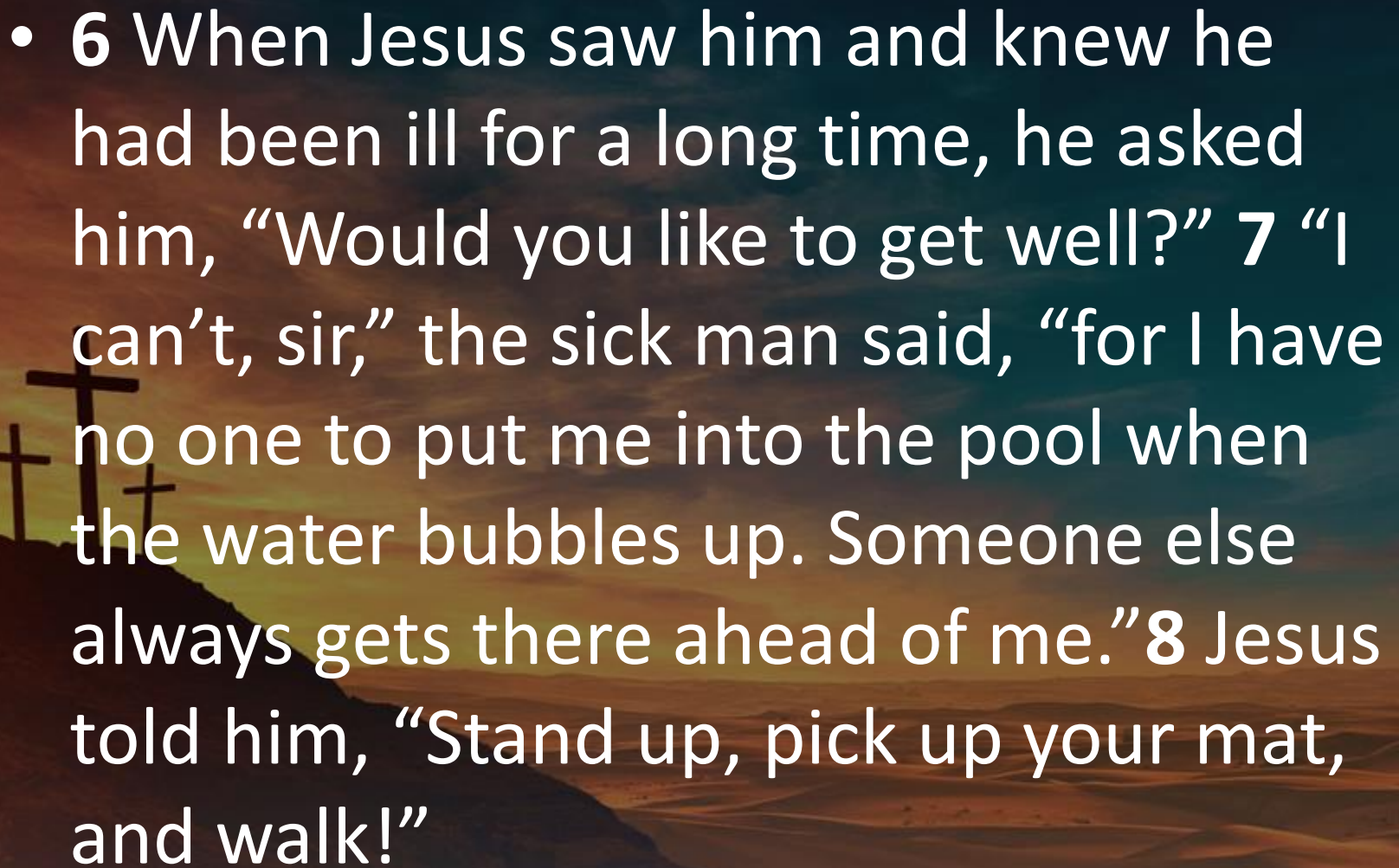
John 5:1-15

Pastor Dan Walker





- John 5:1-15 NLT Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. **2** Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. **3** Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. **5** One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years.

- 
- A landscape with rolling hills and three crosses on a ridge under a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the image.
- 6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” 7 “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” 8 Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”

- **9** Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking! But this miracle happened on the Sabbath, **10** so the Jewish leaders objected. They said to the man who was cured, “You can’t work on the Sabbath! The law doesn’t allow you to carry that sleeping mat!” **11** But he replied, “The man who healed me told me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’”

- **12** “Who said such a thing as that?” they demanded.**13** The man didn’t know, for Jesus had disappeared into the crowd.
14 But afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and told him, “Now you are well; so stop sinning, or something even worse may happen to you.” **15** Then the man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had healed him.



1. Jesus can act independently of us but desires us to make an effort.

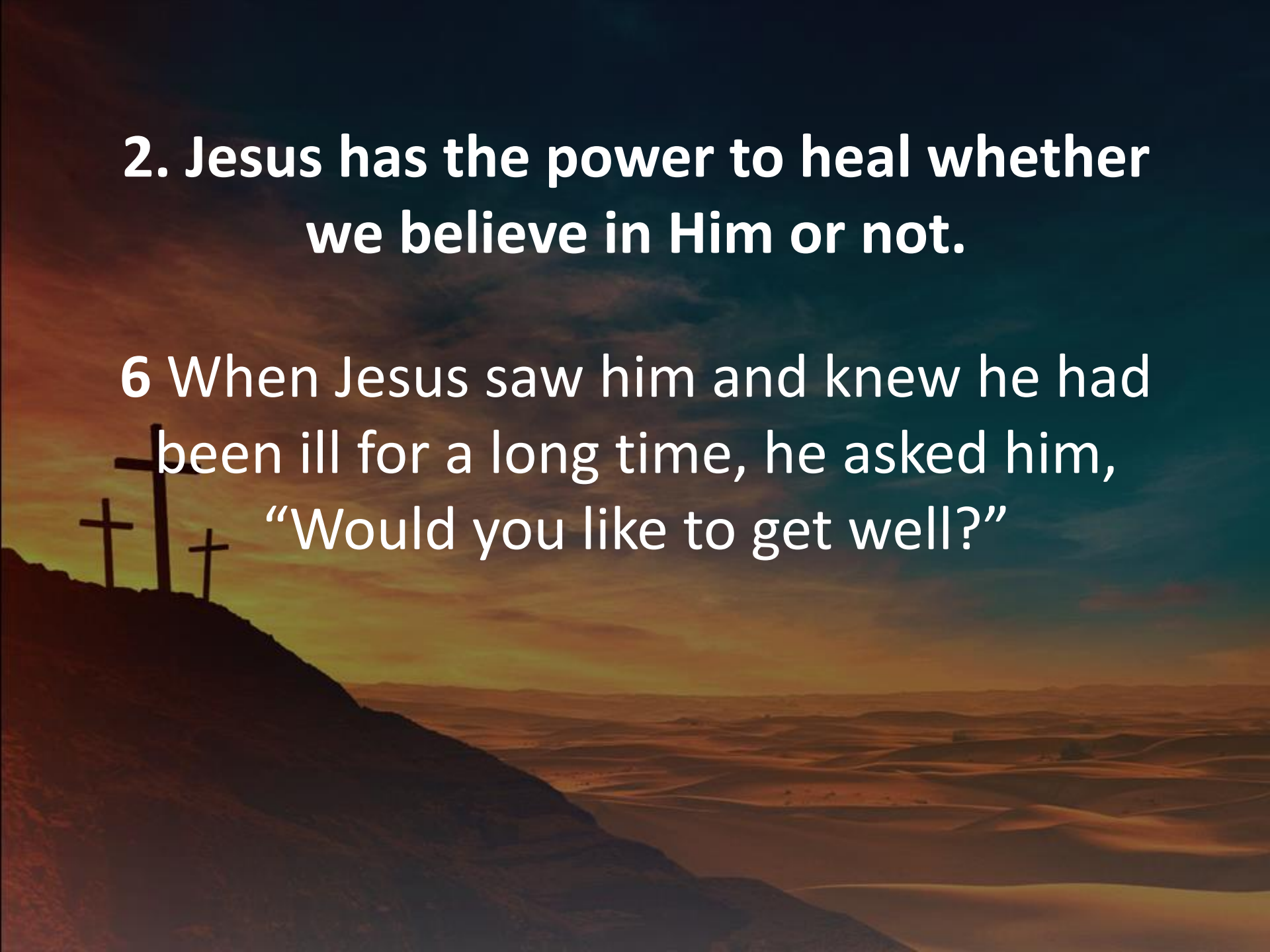
6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”⁷ “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.”

8 Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!”



2. Jesus has the power to heal whether we believe in Him or not.

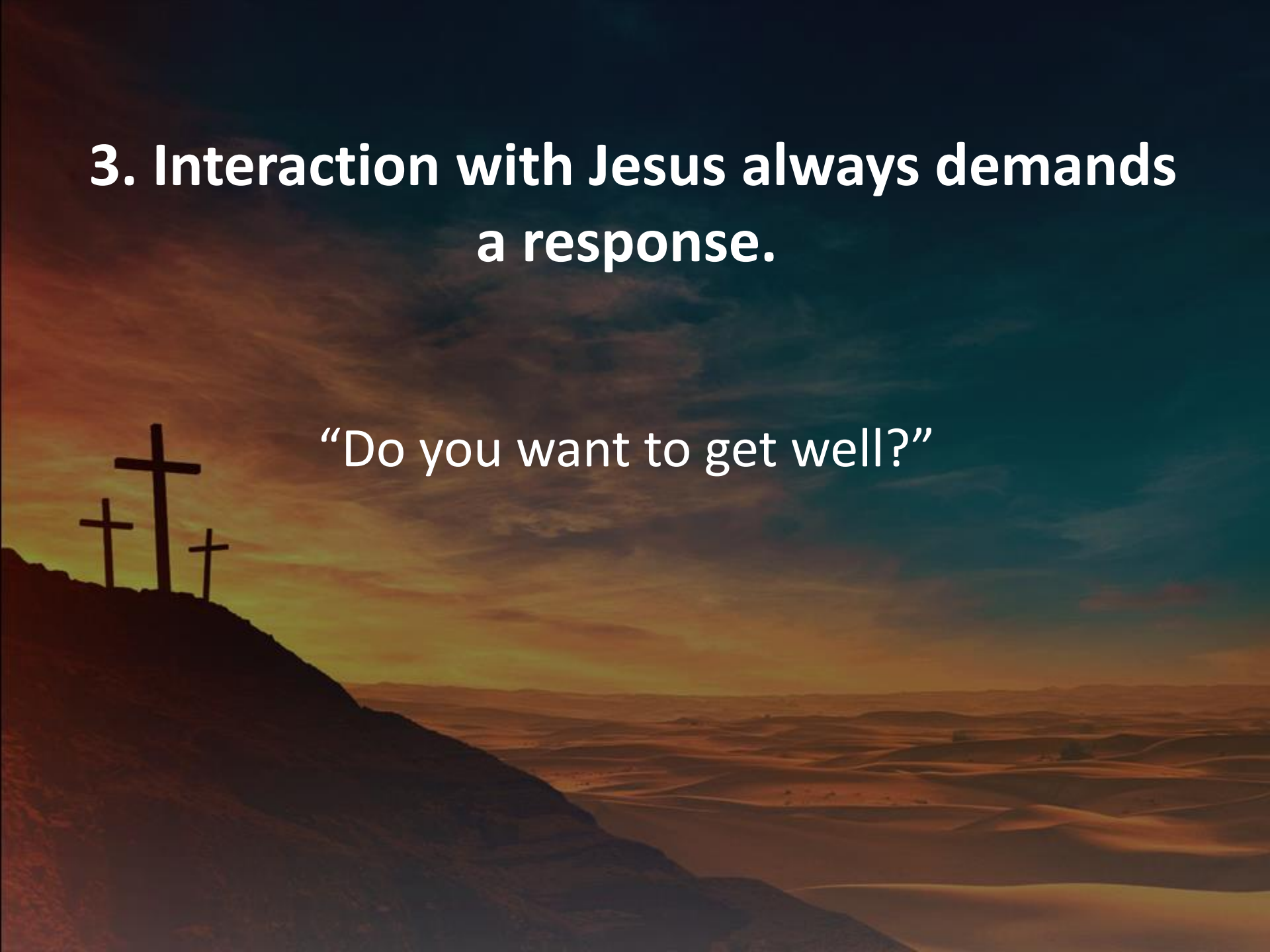
6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?”





3. Interaction with Jesus always demands a response.

“Do you want to get well?”







**Head down to Cross
Training in the
fellowship room!**

All Christian Ed.

Classes start at 10:20

Connect Groups

Smith's – Monday at 7pm

Granja's – Wednesday at 7pm

Church – Sunday after the service

Aldridge's – Sunday at 1pm

Britton's – Sunday at 1pm