

Because he knew he was helpless, the sick man's conversation with Jesus was simple. Here's how to pray his story (John 5:1-15):

The story: Crowds of sick people lay, waiting to be healed. Jesus asked one man if he wanted to get well. The sick man said, "I can't. I have no one to help me."

Your prayer: "Lord, I can't."

The story: Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"

Your prayer: "Lord, help me do what you say."

The story: Instantly the man was healed!

Your prayer: "Lord, I can't. But you can."

The story: Jesus found the man and said, "Stop sinning or something worse may happen."

Your prayer: "Lord, keep me from deliberate sins. Don't let them control me (from Psalm 19:13)."

The truth behind the prayer:

The weakness of God is stronger than man's strength (1 Corinthians 1:25).

God is able to do far more than we ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

Nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37).

"Jesus loves me!
This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak, but he is strong."