

The Christian Corner : JUNE 2026

Hope for the Heart: 'Doctor God' *John 5:1-8 *Matthew 9:12-13

The vast area that served as a 'waiting room' of potential patients was located inside the city of Jerusalem, near the Sheep Gate. The magnificent twin pools of Bethesda were surrounded on 4 sides by covered colonnades with one in between upper/lower pools. The disabled (blind, lame, withered) lay helpless under the shaded porticoes. Into this squalid scene, Jesus approaches a crippled man who had suffered for 38 years. 'Would you like to get well?' seems like a crazy, even cruel question to ask in such a miserable situation. The man had no idea his life was about to change; he told Jesus about the only dream available- a mystical story that an angel stirred the waters for healing. But there was no one to help him get there first. Until now. 'Stand up, pick up your mat, & walk!' Suddenly, an invalid was given strength to do just that! It was an amazing sight to behold! The Jews scolded him for breaking the Sabbath but he explained that a man who healed him told him to pick up his mat. Jesus was nowhere in sight until he found him later in the Temple. Jesus knew more about him than his physical suffering. 'Now you are well, so stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.' Even the dark secrets of his sad heart were exposed to this compassionate man! Are we one among many who suffer in body and soul? Have we been driven to despair as we wait for things to change? Imperfect people may sympathize yet still leave us alone. It's time to make a divine appointment with Doctor God.

Help for the Home : GRAZING BOARDS

Shells: crunchy taco shells, soft corn tortillas

Meats: cooked ground beef or pork, refried beans

Toppings: cotija cheese, shredded or cheese crumbles, cut limes, lettuce, bell peppers,

Black olives, jalapenos, radishes, red cabbage, red onion

Condiments: Guacamole, hot sauce, pico de gallo, salsa, sour cream

Red, White & Blue Board

Reds: Grapes, Licorice, Maraschino Cherries, Raspberries, Strawberries, Watermelon

Blues: Blackberries, Blue M&M's, Blueberry Yogurt Pretzels, Figs

Whites: Feta Cheese, Honey-Lime Yogurt, White Cheddar, Crackers

Combo: Mini Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Chocolate candies w/red,white,blue sprinkles

Lime Yogurt Dip: 2 c.plain yogurt, ¼ c.honey, 2 T.Lime juice *1/2t.grated Lime zest

S'more Snack Spread:

Chocolate Chip Cookies, White Chocolate Squares, Hershey's Chocolate Bars, Honey Grahams, Mini Marshmallows, Nutella, Oreo Cookies, Peanut Butter Reese's cups, Strawberries, White Chocolate covered Pretzels

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