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FEARFUL.

BROKEN.

FED UP.

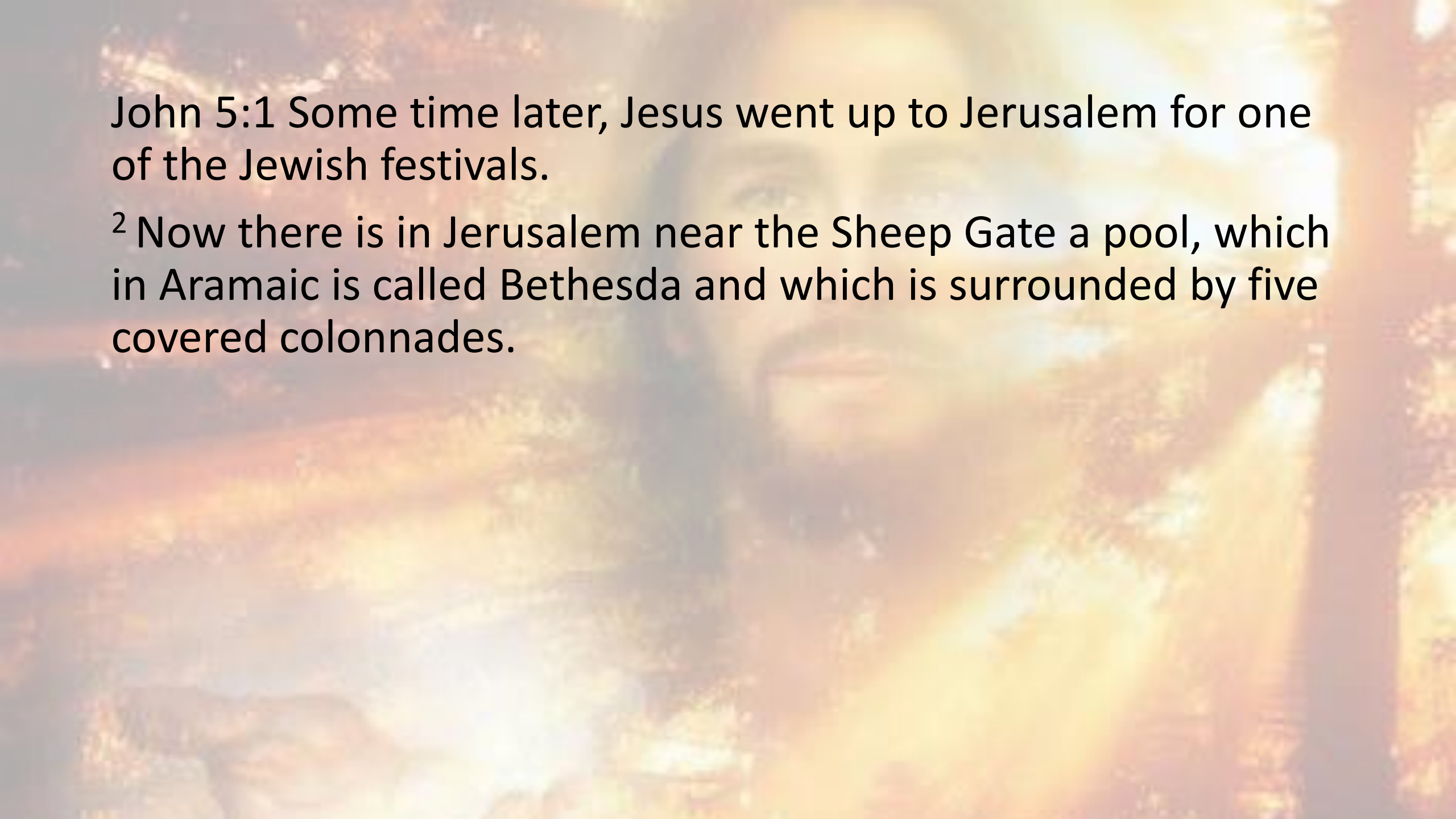
FROM A WEDDING TO A FUNERAL

7 Stories that show we can trust Jesus whatever our situation

**HUNGRY AND
OPPRESSED.**

FACING DEATH.

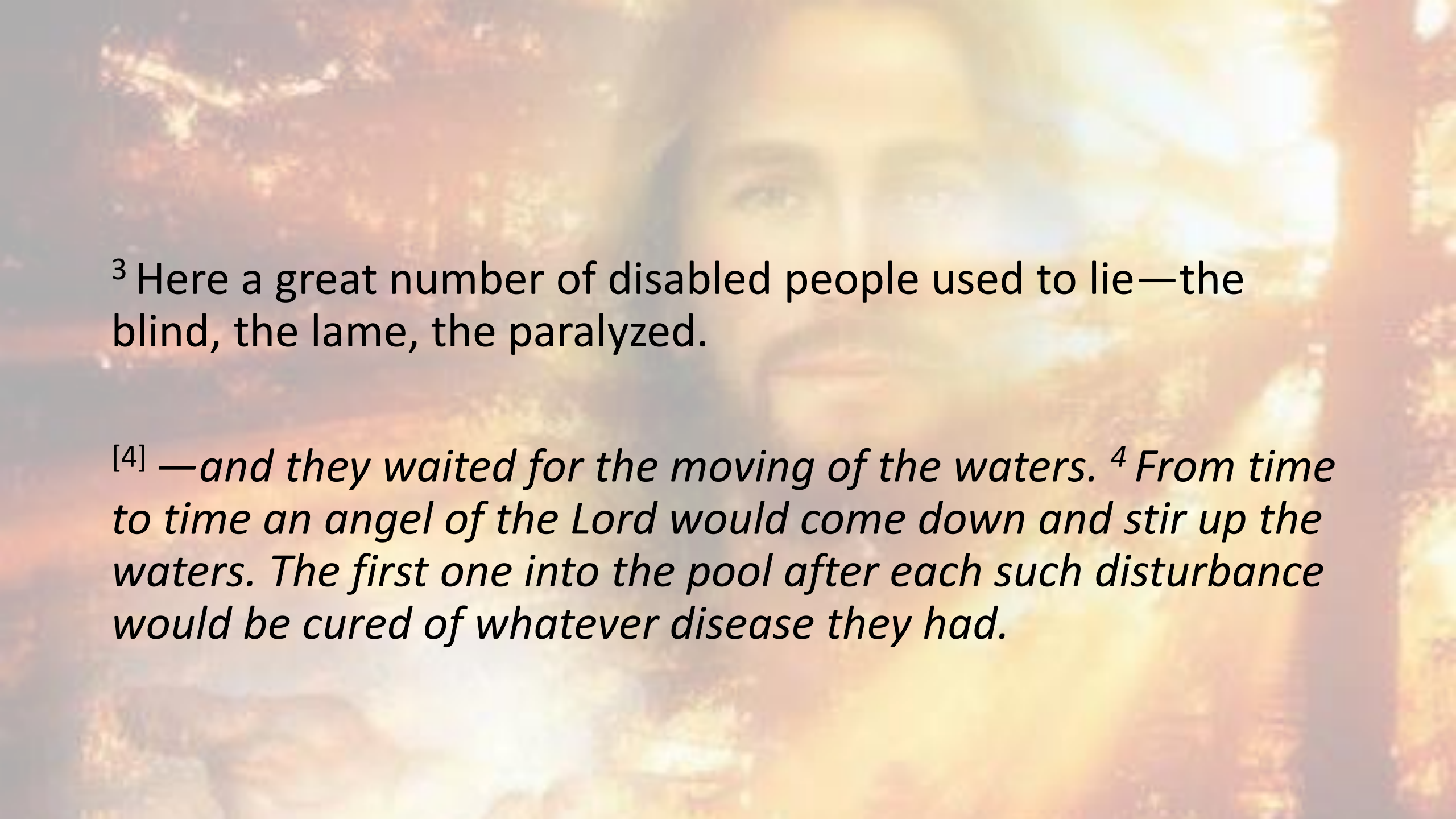
IN DARKNESS.



John 5:1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals.

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.





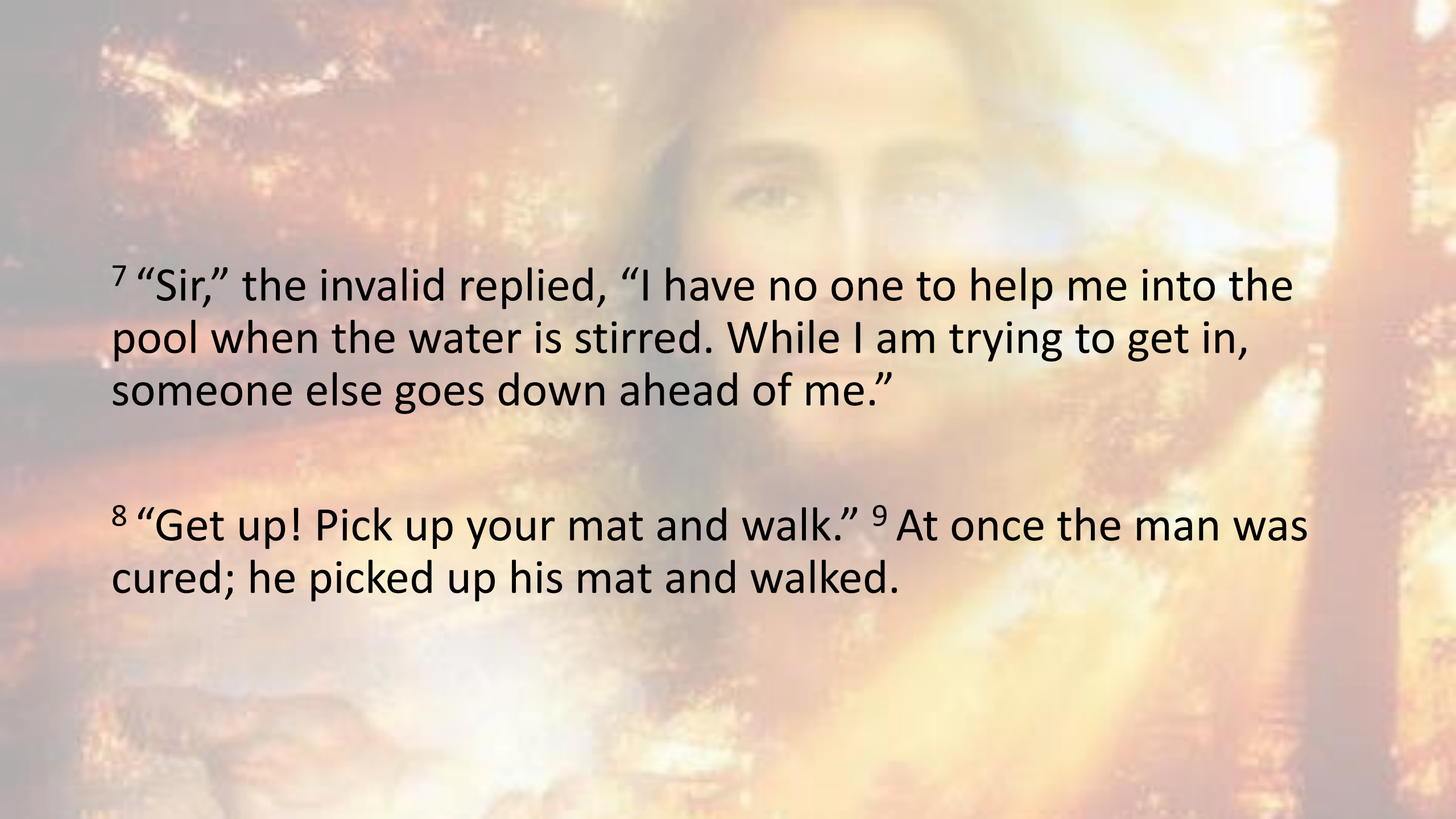
³ Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed.

[⁴] —*and they waited for the moving of the waters.* ⁴ *From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had.*



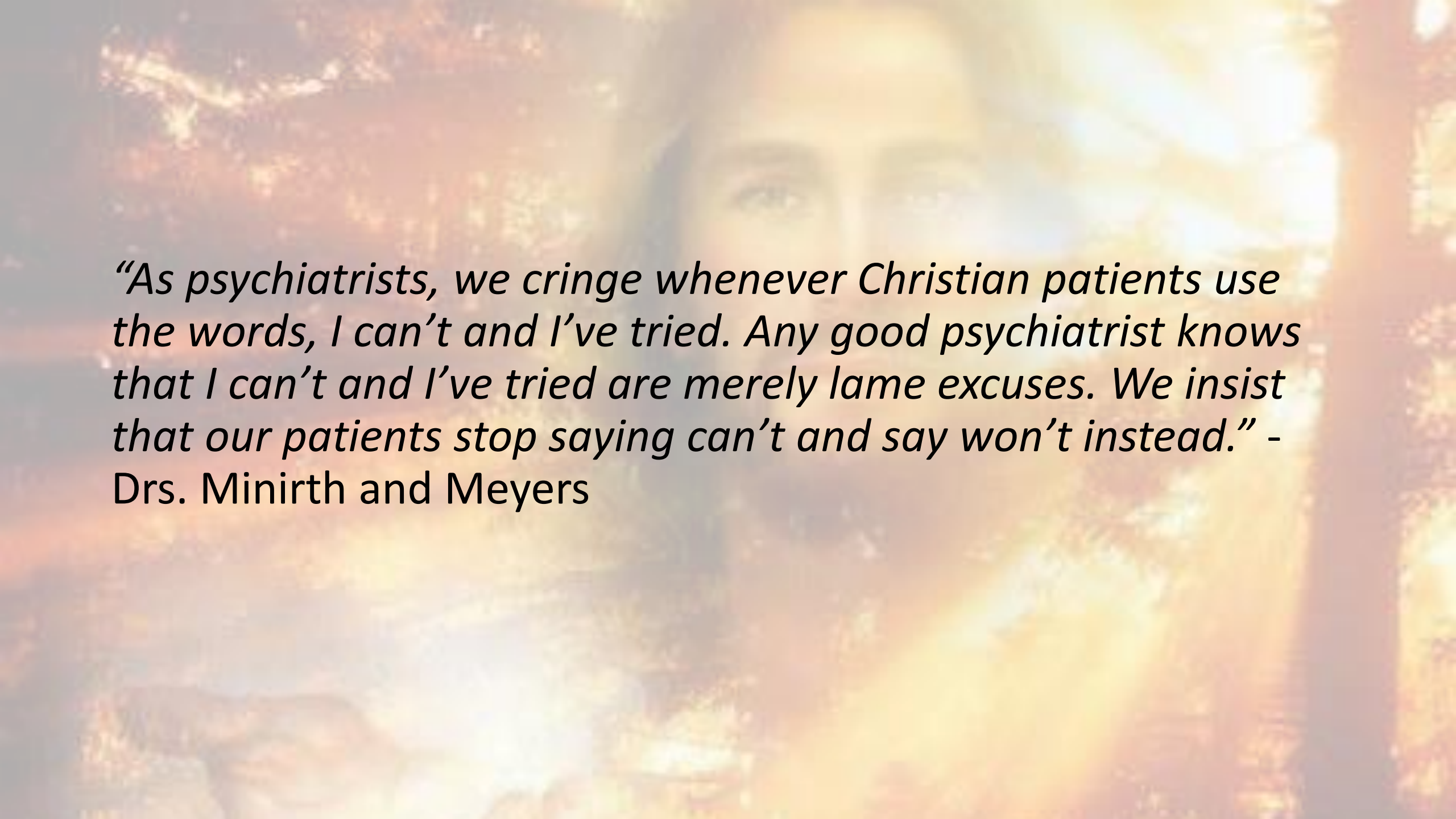
⁵ One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

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 “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” ⁹ At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.



“As psychiatrists, we cringe whenever Christian patients use the words, I can’t and I’ve tried. Any good psychiatrist knows that I can’t and I’ve tried are merely lame excuses. We insist that our patients stop saying can’t and say won’t instead.” - Drs. Minirth and Meyers