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This short drama is still playing out in our days.

Jesus noticed this man who had been sick, stagnant and hopelessly hopeless.

He had been there for 38yrs.
Obviously, he was not born there. He was probably dumped there by his parents.



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He was probably a teenager with dreams and aspiration when calamity struck, and had to be dumped there when his parents got tired of taking care of him.

Obviously, he had been in his new "residence" even before Jesus was born.... been crippled for 38yrs. WOW ■

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Matthew 5v6-12 TPT

When Jesus saw him lying there, he knew that the man had been crippled for a long time. So Jesus said to him, “Do you truly long to be healed?”

To cut the long story short, the crippled man was healed

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8 Then Jesus said to him, “Stand up! Pick up your sleeping mat and you will walk!”
9 Immediately he stood up—he was healed! So he rolled up his mat and walked again! Now this miracle took place on the Jewish Sabbath.

Now, watch this in V10

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The leaders who did not see him when he was in abject poverty and pain, suddenly saw him when he was delivered. They never came to his aid...infact, he must have been a good sport to watch. Rather than rejoice with him, they began to use their reggae to spoil his blues.
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10 When the Jewish leaders saw the man walking along carrying his sleeping mat, they objected & said, “What are you doing carrying that? Don’t you know it’s the Sabbath? It’s not lawful for you to carry things on d Sabbath!”
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Can you imagine the wickedness in their hearts?

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But, thank God the man gave it to them.

He was saying, the one who only just met me, who showed so much empathy, the one who healed me, instructed me to do what I'm doing. You guys don't count. You were never there.
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11 He answered them, “The man who healed me told me to pick it up and walk.”
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Now, listen to their foolish question.
They wanted to know the source of his breakthrough. Meanwhile, all these years, they never cared to know the source of his pain.
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12 “What man?” they asked him. “Who was this man who ordered you to carry something on a Sabbath?”

We all can relate with this drama. We are either on the receiving end or like the pharisees.

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Those who never care about your pains and challenges, suddenly show up when God lifts you up.
They want to know how you qualified for the blessings.
They want to question why you instead of them.
The want to make sure they use their reggae to spoil your blues

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One thing they forgot is that, God is not a citizen of their country.

He does not bless a fellow because they like him and highly recommended him.

He does not need anyone's recommendation or validation.

He is God and will always be God.