

# John 5:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

## Analysis

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The healed man's answer 'He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk' shifts responsibility to Jesus while acknowledging His authority to heal. His obedience to Jesus' command despite Sabbath prohibition shows prioritizing the Healer's word over religious tradition. Christ's authority supersedes ceremonial law.

## Historical Context

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Jewish tradition prohibited carrying burdens on the Sabbath (Jeremiah 17:21-22). The Pharisees expanded this to include even a mat. The healed man's defense appeals to Jesus' authority as the one who effected the miracle.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do we navigate tension between Christ's commands and human religious traditions?
2. What does this man's answer reveal about the relationship between experiencing Christ's power and submitting to His authority?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀπεκρίθη	αὐτοῖς	ὁ	ποιήσας	με	ὅλην	ἐκεῖνός	μοι
He answered	them	G3588	He that made	me	whole	the same	unto me
G611	G846		G4160	G3165	G5199	G1565	G3427
εἶπεν	Ἄρον	τὸν	κράββατον	σου	καὶ	περιπάτει	
said	Take up	G3588	bed	thy	and	walk	
G2036	G142		G2895	G4675	G2532	G4043	

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