

QUEST – 52 – Week 24

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KEY POINTS:

- Typically, the healing of the lame in the New Testament shows what happens spiritually when we demonstrate loyalty to Jesus. In John 5, the lame man is a warning about what happens when you lack loyalty.
- If we are healed physically but not spiritually, we wind up in a worse state.
- Our loyalty to Jesus is driven by who he is, not by what we can gain from him.

QUESTIONS:

After reading the essay, do think you have ever taken Jesus for granted?

Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42. How did Jonathan demonstrate loyalty to David?

Meditate on Romans 4: 5; Colossians 1:23; 1Thessalonians 1:3, replacing the word *faith* with *loyalty*. Read the verses again using the word *allegiance*. Read them one more time, using the word *fidelity*. What did you hear God say?

- Have you ever been used by someone as a means to an end? How did that feel?
- What comes to mind when you think of the word *loyal*? Who is the most loyal person you know?
- Whom are you most loyal to? How do you demonstrate that loyalty?
- Do you seek Jesus for who he is or for what you can get out of him? Are there areas of your spiritual life where you are focused more on yourself than on God?

Make a list of your top ten prayers – what you want from God. Now go back and circle those that are more for your comfort than for his glory?