

No. 11      Be Loyal, as Jesus Was (Symposium)  
                 -When Tired

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video. Each part in this symposium will address (1) how our loyalty is challenged, (2) how Jesus maintained his loyalty, and (3) how we can maintain ours]

HOW IS OUR LOYALTY TO JEHOVAH CHALLENGED WHEN WE ARE TIRED? (2 min.)

Remaining loyal is challenging when we have our strength, but it is even more difficult when we are tired

This stress-filled world wears us out

Day after day, we face temptations and persecutions that could drain us of our spiritual strength, so it must be replenished

By examining Jesus' course of life, we gain strength to remain loyal and not tire out [Read Hebrews 12:3]

HOW DID JESUS MAINTAIN HIS LOYALTY WHEN TIRED? (3 min.)

Although doing God's will was physically taxing, Jesus viewed his ministry as refreshing and energizing (Joh 4:3-7, 27-34)

Even when tired, Jesus helped others (Mr 4:38, 39; 6:31-34)

Jesus' loyalty was bolstered by his completely relying on Jehovah

The day Jesus died was likely his most exhausting

Jesus prayed repeatedly for strength to remain loyal

[Read Matthew 26:39, 42-44] (jy 282-283)

HOW CAN WE MAINTAIN OUR LOYALTY WHEN TIRED? (3 min.)

Jesus viewed spiritual activities as his source of refreshment

When exhausted, we must supplicate Jehovah for strength to be loyal [Read Isaiah 40:29, 31]

It is vital that we pray to resist temptation, especially when tiredness may have weakened our resolve (Mt 26:40, 41; w11 1/15 23-24 ¶10)

We rejuvenate our resolve to be loyal by reading the Bible daily, doing personal study, participating at meetings, engaging in the ministry, and making good use of the upbuilding material in our printed publications, on jw.org, and on JW Broadcasting (Pr 25:25; Mt 11:28, 29)

In the following dramatization, note how a person can show loyalty when tired

VIDEO (3 min.)

BE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN YOUR LOYALTY WHEN TIRED (1 min.)

Even Jesus got tired, but by relying on Jehovah, he remained loyal

Like Jesus, may we supplicate Jehovah for the strength to endure

"Let us not give up in doing what is fine, for in due time we will reap if we do not tire out" (Ga 6:9)

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ will now present the next part of this symposium, "Be Loyal, as Jesus Was—When Abandoned"

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