



UNSWERVING ALLEGIANCE

Exploring Loyalty

We see Loyalty ...

in different forms all
around us.

Sometimes in the
face of a pet
nudging us for some
attention, happiest
when in our
presence.



OR IN THE FACES OF
HAPPILY MARRIED
OLDER COUPLES
WHO HAVE STAYED
WITH EACH OTHER
THROUGH THICK
AND THIN.



THERE'S NO SWERVING...

in loyalty when facing
rough times. We'll look
at some ways Jarl
exhibited this in his
journey. And then ask
some questions about
YOUR journey.



Definition of **Loyalty** –

(Websters Dictionary)

Unswerving Allegiance
Faithful



LET'S GET STARTED

GRAB SOME PEN AND PAPER TO TAKE SOME NOTES.
HERE WE GO!

Jarl demonstrated these characteristics in several ways. We'll look at a few from the Prologue and first 10 chapters,



PROLOGUE

(JOT YOUR ANSWERS DOWN ON SOME PAPER – SEVERAL ANSWERS WILL BE REFERENCED IN THE QUIZ)

Initial thoughts -

What are your thoughts on the statement, “You find that any place you can think of to travel to is found, as well as some places impossible to imagine. Those places are usually waystations on the way to somewhere else.”

How can such freedom in travel and movement test loyalty to a Master or Boss?

Hope -

What is the only thing that gives Jarl, as an earthman, hope?

How can hope – or the lack of it – affect loyalty to a person or principle?



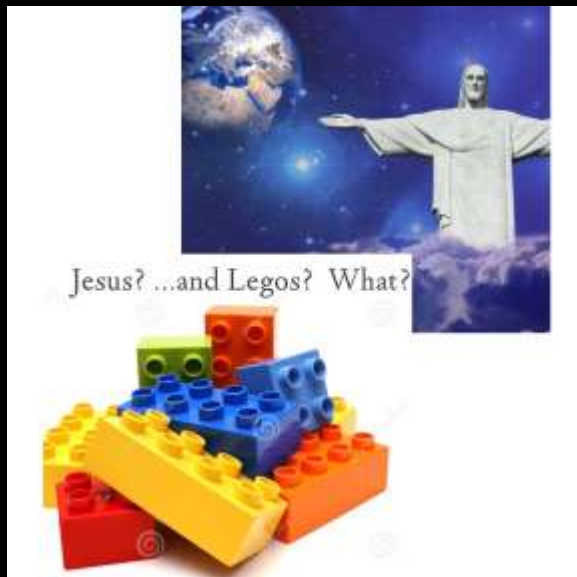
Expressing loyalty -

How does the last sentence of the Prologue express loyalty?

What action did Jarl take in this last sentence that demonstrates his loyalty?

CHAPTERS 1 - 10

The name "Jarl" means? Hint -



How did Jarl know Jesus was real?



THINGS THAT TEST LOYALTY

A Disaster hit Jarl and his sister.
How did he respond?
What was he to do with his grief?



How have you faced the healing of raw, internal wounds? How have they affected your loyalty to God, family or friends?

Why might it be important to let go before moving forward, as Jarl was advised to do?

Who was the Key to Jarl's
Spacewalker training?



THE KEY

2 Key things -

What were the two key things
Jarl remembered about Jesus
when he first met him?

FOUNDATIONS FOR LOYALTY



Foundation #1

What does Hebrews 11 say (Chapter 7) about how the worlds were prepared?



Foundation #2

Even when things seem impossible, we can refuse to doubt because of what? What did Jesus tell Jair?



Foundation #3

Words have the power in them to create what? To bring what?

REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES OF LOYALTY

David and Jonathan

“Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.”¹
Samuel 18:3

Jonathan looked out for David, as can be seen in the book of I Samuel in the Bible. He protected him from death (I Samuel 19: 1-7) and helped him escape when he needed to (I Samuel 20: 1-42).

And David, who would eventually be king of Israel, looked out for the members of Jonathan's family who were left after Jonathan got killed (2 Samuel 9: 1-11).

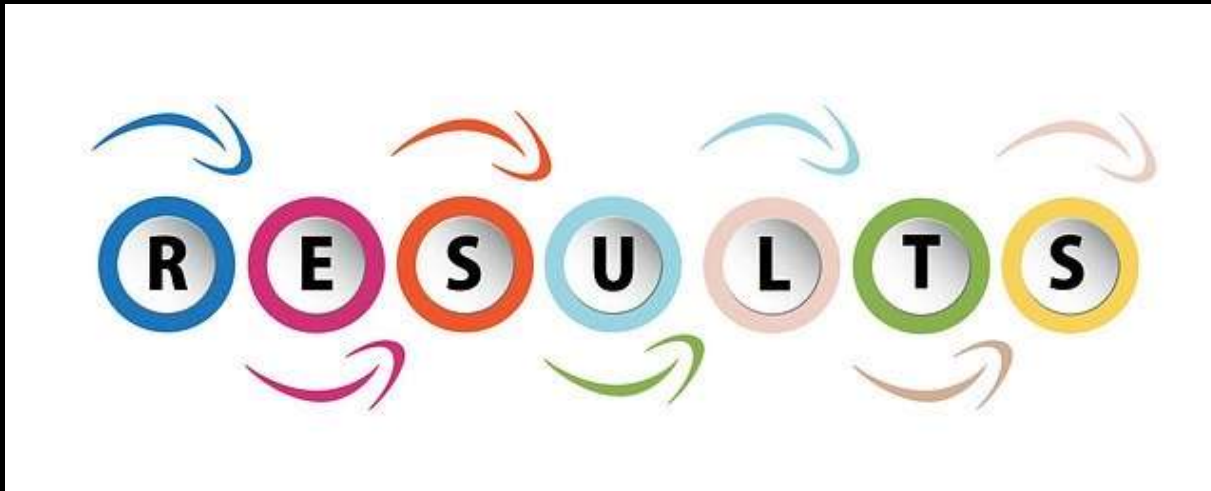
He was a man of loyalty!

Apostle Paul

In defense of himself to naysayers, the Apostle Paul described the things he had undergone to prove his loyalty.

“Are they servants of Christ? – I speak as if insane – I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews 39 lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from robbers, in dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers in the sea, dangers among false brethren, I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

And these were only SOME of the things he experienced, all while staying loyal to Jesus.



OF LOYALTY

-- You can have "El Shaddai" working for you. What does El Shaddai mean? How did that look in Jarl's life (Chapter 8)? How does it look in yours?



--- You can belong to the one who has all power and authority. How did that help Jarl (Chapter 9)? How can that help you?

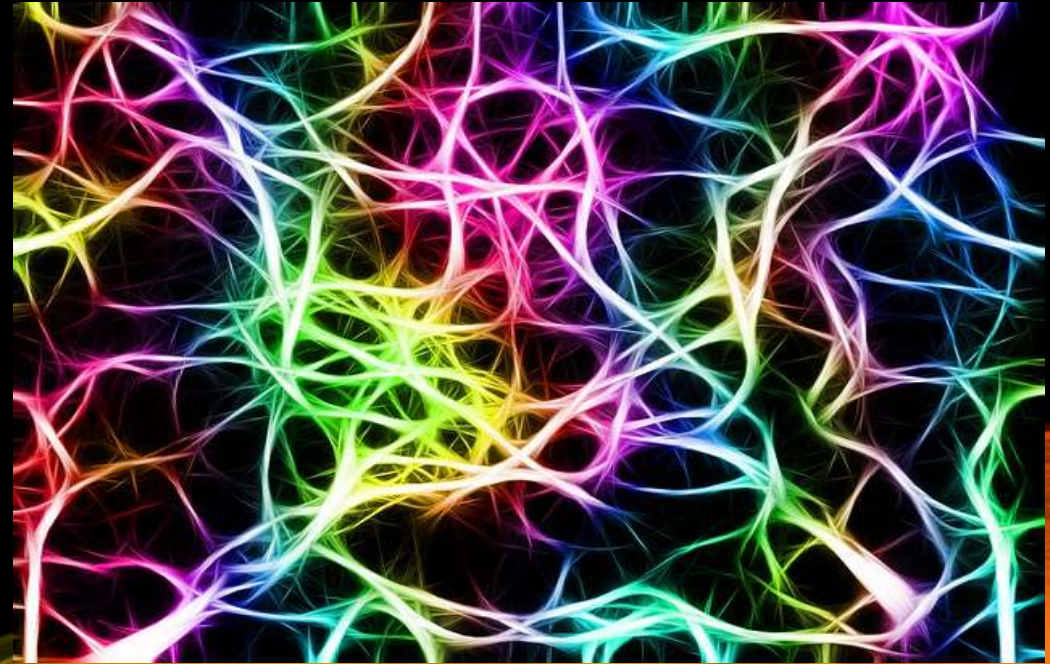
-- You can have a life that exhibits this verse: Proverbs 21:21 "He who pursues righteousness and **loyalty** finds life, righteousness and honor."

EVERYTHING AT THIS LEVEL WAS ENTANGLED

Where did Jarl live? Where do we live? (Chapter 10)

How did the Apostle Paul describe this?

How does loyalty at this level affect everything else in our lives?



WRAPPING IT UP



Main Takeaway -

What is your one main takeaway from Jarl's initial journey in these first 10 chapters?



Perspective -

What is your perspective of how **loyalty** played out in this section?



Application -

How loyal are you?

How can you increase your loyalty to God? Family? Friends? Employer?