

February 23rd, 2025

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How would you describe the day-to-day life of the paraplegic man in the story? Why do you think Jesus decided to help him? What are some of the challenges for Christians today to emulating Jesus' compassion?

Why do you think the religious leaders reacted to the man's healing in the way they did?

Have you ever been in a legalistic system before? How did it affect your faith? What's different about your faith today? How can Christians today avoid legalism?

How have you seen commitment and compassion compete in your life? How do you manage the tension?

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