

LOYALTY FOR HIS PLAN AND PURPOSE

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“Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him and obey His commands.” (Deuteronomy 7:9, NLT)

We can see here that He is loyal to those who remain loyal to Him. We have many examples of people in the Bible that have been loyal to God or to the people around them and above them in authority: Noah, Joseph, Daniel, Job, Samuel, David, Ruth, Timothy etc.

Joseph – A Loyal Man

Genesis 39:6-21

- Potiphar and his wife.
- Favour in prison.
- Cup-bearer and Baker.
- Pharaoh’s dream.
- Joseph made Chancellor of Egypt.
- Joseph reunited with his family.
- God’s plans prosper.

“But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither ploughing nor harvesting. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So, it was God who sent me here, not you! And He is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.” (Genesis 45:5-8, NLT)

No matter the situation we should remember what Jesus said.

“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39, NLT)

Be loyal to others in everything you do, loyalty to our brothers and sisters is a demonstration of loyalty to God.

Loyalty in Action

- Loyalty is not a word, it is a lifestyle, it will result in actions.
- Loyalty comes from heart.
- Loyalty is the greatest expression of love.
“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” (Romans 5:8, NLT)
- Loyalty requires sacrifice.
“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.” (Genesis 50:20, NLT)
- Loyalty is impartial.
- Loyalty is about people that stay true even behind your back.
- Loyalty is what you do and not what you say, later we can see Peter denied Jesus three times.
“Peter declared, ‘Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.’ Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, Peter this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me’. ‘No!’ Peter insisted. ‘Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!’ And all the other disciples vowed the same. (Matthew 26:33-35, NLT)
- Loyalty can be demanding. Exodus 17:8-13

Why Loyalty?

- Loyalty builds strong relationships.
- We have to realise that God works through people including our church, civil leaders, teachers, authority figures and family.
- God uses others to carry His plan to us and those around us.

Loyalty is something that we demonstrate both in public and in private. Have you ever thought that it may be the one key aspect seen in you by others that will point them to God’s love so that His kingdom will expand and His plan will prosper?