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Title: **The Trap**

Subtitle: **Loyalty: Manipulation of Influence Pt. III**

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Scripture: **Psalm 141:9-10 NIV**

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#### **Psalm 141:9-10 NIV**

<sup>9</sup> Keep me safe from the traps set by evildoers, from the snares they have laid for me. <sup>10</sup> Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by in safety.

#### **Introduction**

We have been created out of “LOVE material”. It is in our being to give and receive LOVE. We were created and fashioned with LOVE. According to Genesis 1:26-27, LOVE created our image and likeness to resemble HIM. Tonight, we will understand how God is the ONLY being that can fulfill our need to be loved. If you fail to have this understanding, you will fall into the hands of someone using their influence to manipulate you into The Trap called loyalty.

Loyalty is a strong feeling of support or allegiance.

**The need to be loved will open The Trap to loyalty.**

**There are two categories of traps:**

1. **Restraining Traps** - This type of trap will cause one to sustain **injuries**, physiological trauma, inability to **eat**, and you will be exposed to predators.
2. **Kill Traps** – This type of trap is designed to **crush**, choke, or drown. It is a slow, **painful**, and stressful death.

**The Loyalty Trap uses your need to be loved as an entryway.**

#### **Genesis 1:9-14 NLT**

<sup>9</sup> Jacob was still talking with them when Rachel arrived with her father’s flock, for she was a shepherd. <sup>10</sup> And because Rachel was his cousin—the daughter of Laban, his mother’s brother—and because the sheep and goats belonged to his uncle Laban, Jacob went over to the well and moved the stone from its mouth and watered his uncle’s flock. <sup>11</sup> Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and he wept aloud. <sup>12</sup> He explained to Rachel that he was her cousin on her father’s side—the son of her aunt Rebekah. So Rachel quickly ran and told her father, Laban. <sup>13</sup> As soon as Laban heard that his nephew Jacob had arrived, he ran out to meet him. He embraced and kissed

him and brought him home. When Jacob had told him his story, <sup>14</sup> Laban exclaimed, “You really are my own flesh and blood!” After Jacob had stayed with Laban for about a month, <sup>15</sup> Laban said to him, “You shouldn’t work for me without pay just because we are relatives. Tell me how much your wages should be.” <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters. The older daughter was named Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> There was no sparkle in Leah’s eyes,<sup>[a]</sup> but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face. <sup>18</sup> Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, “I’ll work for you for seven years if you’ll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife.” <sup>19</sup> “Agreed!” Laban replied. “I’d rather give her to you than to anyone else. Stay and work with me.”

1. You will **agree** to do something in exchange for what you **desperately** must have.

The Loyalty Trap will **injure** your spiritual vision because you are led by your **lusts**.

### **Genesis 1:20-30 NLT**

<sup>20</sup> So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days. <sup>21</sup> Finally, the time came for him to marry her. “I have fulfilled my agreement,” Jacob said to Laban. “Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her.” <sup>22</sup> So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast. <sup>23</sup> But that night, when it was dark, Laban took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her. <sup>24</sup> (Laban had given Leah a servant, Zilpah, to be her maid.) <sup>25</sup> But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah! “What have you done to me?” Jacob raged at Laban. “I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?” <sup>26</sup> “It’s not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn,” Laban replied. <sup>27</sup> “But wait until the bridal week is over; then we’ll give you Rachel, too—provided you promise to work another seven years for me.”

2. Working at something will always cause you to miss God!
3. Being **driven** runs you into **deception!**

The Loyalty Trap will **crush** what you hoped for and cause you to be **set** back.

### **Jesus’ Response**

**Johh 15:12 NLT** 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.



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