

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: At the Movies
Message: The Covenant
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In The Covenant, we see a compelling picture of devotion. Anyone that watches the life of a follower of Jesus should see the same. Having been rescued by Christ, our response is love and obedience:

Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.
John 14:21 (NLT)

Being a servant or slave to God means I accept Him as the Leader/Lord of my life. He promises to give me a new life, free of my sin and full of hope, and I agree to trust and obey Him.

I can obey without loving God, but I cannot love God without obeying Him.

Here is a clear command God has given:

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law.

Romans 13:8 (NLT)

Who do I find easy to love? Why?

Who is hard for me to love? Why?

If God treated me like I treat the ones that are hard to love, where would I be?

What is one practical thing I can do this week to show love to someone for Jesus' sake?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

GNB – Good News Bible

MSG – The Message

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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covenant (def): a promise

First impressions are seldom accurate.

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

Honor and loyalty are much easier talked about than lived out.

Lots of people claim to be loyal and loving, but where on earth can you find one?
Proverbs 20:6 (MSG)

All who trust Jesus have a loyalty to Him that carries a debt.

⁵ The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had...⁷ of his own free will he gave up all he had and took the nature of a servant.
Philippians 2:5, 7 (GNB)

*²² But now you have been set free from sin and are the slaves of God. Your gain is a life fully dedicated to him, and the result is eternal life.
²³ For sin pays its wage—death; but God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:22–23 (GNB)

*⁸ Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. ⁹ For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet."
These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.*

Romans 13:8–10 (NLT)