

Learn to be Loyal

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Celebrate Summer Series

Let God Use Me

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Definition: Loyal—
remaining faithful to a country, person, ruler,
government, or ideal.

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."
1 John 3:18 ESV

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My Loyalty Encourages Loyalty

"And a messenger came to David, saying, 'The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.'"
2 Samuel 15:13 ESV

"And the king's servants said to the king, 'Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides.'"
2 Samuel 15:15 ESV

You Can Impress People from a Distance
but you Can Only Impact Them Up Close.
(Rick Warren)

The Focus of My Loyalty

The Outsider

"And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king."
2 Samuel 15:18 ESV

"therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I will stretch out my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the rest of the seacoast."
Ezekiel 25:16 ESV

"But Ittai answered the king, "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be." And David said to Ittai, "Go then, pass on." So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him." 2 Samuel 15:21-22 ESV

The Insider

"And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city." 2 Samuel 15:24 ESV

"The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Go back to the city in peace, with your two sons, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me." 2 Samuel 15:27-28 ESV

"But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went." 2 Samuel 15:30 ESV

The Older

"While David was coming to the summit, where God was worshiped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn and dirt on his head." 2 Samuel 15:32 ESV

"David said to him, "If you go on with me, you will be a burden to me." 2 Samuel 15:33 ESV

"So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city, just as Absalom was entering Jerusalem." 2 Samuel 15:37 ESV

The Opportunist

"When David had passed a little beyond the summit, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of donkeys saddled, bearing two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred bunches of raisins, a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine." 2 Samuel 16:1 ESV

"And the king said, "And where is your master's son?" Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he remains in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will give me back the kingdom of my father.' " 2 Samuel 16:3 ESV

"Then the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours." And Ziba said, "I pay homage; let me ever find favor in your sight, my lord the king." 2 Samuel 16:4 ESV

The Troublemaker

"When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left." 2 Samuel 16:5-6 ESV

"And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood." 2 Samuel 16:7-8 ESV

"And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today." 2 Samuel 16:11-12 ESV

"So David and his men went on the road, while Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went and threw stones at him and flung dust." 2 Samuel 16:13 ESV

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