



Sermon Series: Fierce: A Life of Loyalty

Big Idea: Loyalty to the Lord aligns your loyalty to others.

Main Passage: 1 Samuel 18:1-4

¹After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. ²From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. ³And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. ⁴Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

Two things to help us understand how to stand surefooted:

- God's truth guides our loyalty.
- Loyal people stand by their commitments and are willing to suffer for them.
- What we're courageous for reveals what we're loyal to.

Discussion:

What?

What stood out to you from Dusty's sermon or any questions you might have?

Read 1 Samuel 23:15-16. By tradition Jonathan should have been the next king of Israel. God had given David his place as king. It would have been easy for Jonathan to be resentful but he isn't. What does Jonathan do instead?

How does Jonathan encourage David?

Read 1 Samuel 23:17-18. How did Jonathan's loyalty to God inform his loyalty to David?

So What?

In the Merriam-Webster dictionary loyalty is defined as the state of showing allegiance or faithfulness to a government, person, cause, or ideal. Being completely honest what would you say you are loyal to? Another way to ask this question is: What are the most important priorities you have that shape how you make decisions?

Have your loyalties helped or hurt your relationship with Jesus?

What would change if we approached life the way Jonathan did? What if we had a loyalty to God that set the foundation for every interaction we have and every decision we make?

Do What?

Have you ever tried to avoid or escape what you knew for certain was God's will for you? What was the result?

Do you need to confess this as sin and submit to God's will in a specific area?

What can you do to make a change in your loyalties?

Scriptures for further study or memorization:

Use these as a reference to help you rejoice and stand surefooted in any situation.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Remember that the Lord your God is the only God and that he is faithful. He will keep his covenant and show his constant love to a thousand generations of those who love him and obey his commands.

John 14:21

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

Proverbs 16:7

When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies live at peace with him.

Colossians 1:22-23

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.