"Being the Difference" Loyalty
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1 John 2:6
"Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did."

Loyalty implies a faithfulness in relationships that is steadfast in the face of any temptation to renounce, desert, or betray.

Loyalty: In relationship you are all in through thick and thin

Psalm 12:1
"Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race."

Psalm 78:37
"their hearts were not loyal to Him, they were not faithful to His covenant."

Contract is about protecting rights and limiting responsibilities.

Covenant is about giving up rights and taking on responsibilities.

How did Jesus display loyalty?

- **Jesus was loyal to His Father**

Matthew 4:10
"Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only."

Joshua 24:15
"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

1 John 1:9
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

- **Jesus was loyal to His Mission**

2 Corinthians 5:14-15
"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."

- **Jesus was loyal to His people**

John 15:13
"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Matthew 26:50
"Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend."

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