

Love Songs “Stand By Me”

DISLOYALTY IS DIFFICULT TO SEE IN THE MIRROR.

³³ Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.” ³⁵ “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the other disciples vowed the same. **Matthew 26:33-35 NLT**

TRUE LOYALTY IS PROVEN NOT PROCLAIMED.

Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable? **Proverbs 20:6 NLT**

Loyalty: to wholly trust or believe in, to be permanent, unwaveringly faithful.

¹⁹ Then the king turned and said to Ittai, a leader of the men from Gath, “Why are you coming with us? Go on back to King Absalom, for you are a guest in Israel, a foreigner in exile. ²⁰ You arrived only recently, and should I force you today to wander with us? I don’t even know where we will go. Go on back and take your kinsmen with you, and may the Lord show you his unfailing love and faithfulness.” ²¹ But Ittai said to the king, “I vow by the Lord and by your own life that I will go wherever my lord the king goes, no matter what happens—whether it means life or death.” **2 Samuel 15:19-21 NLT**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISLOYALTY:

TO YOUR SPOUSE.

¹⁵ Didn’t the Lord make you one with your wife... So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ “For I hate divorce!” says the Lord... To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty... So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife.” **Malachi 2:15-16 NLT**

TO YOUR FRIENDS.

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need. **Proverbs 17:17 NLT**

TO CHRIST’S CHURCH.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. **Acts 2:42, 44-46 ⁸⁴NIV**

DISLOYALTY IS BORN OUT OF A DIVIDED HEART.

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your **loyalty is divided between God and the world**. ⁹ Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief... **James 4:8-9 NLT**

¹¹ This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him. ¹² If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. ¹³ If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. **2 Timothy 2:11-13 NLT**

Next steps for me today...

- Choose today through the power of Christ to be loyal to your spouse.
- Choose today through the power of Christ to be a loyal friend.
- Choose today to surrender to Jesus Christ.