

Joshua said to them:

"Despite the fact that the campaign has lasted so long, you have loyally helped your brothers.

Keep on loving the Lord your God, following his paths. Be loyal to him and serve him with all your heart."

Dear Lord, please help me to be loyal
- to you, to my family and to my country

Chapters 23, 24

As Joshua neared the end of his life, he urged the Israelites to stay faithful to the Lord while living with many foreign neighbours:

"Continue to observe everything written by Moses. Do not mingle with the foreign peoples still among you. Do not utter the names of their gods.

Stay loyal to the Lord your God.
Love the Lord your God.

If you stay faithful, the Lord will bless you.
If you are unfaithful, everything will go wrong for you.

Choose today whom you will serve:
the Lord our God, or false gods.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Dear Lord, may Joshua's dying words be true for me:
"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"