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“Loyalty is the
pledge of truth to
oneself and others.”

—Ada Velez



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The Son of Man did not come
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CHAPLAIN MSG: “THE VALUE OF LOYALTY”

Happy Saint Patrick's Day from your Chaplain Team to each of you,

I am honored to serve with so many loyal members that make up our wonderful and large Spokane County team. As we think about loyalty inside a team, it is probably more valuable than we can clearly state, and deeply needed for a team to function as well as possible.

From a military standpoint, loyalty is one of the Army Values, and is defined as “Bearing true faith and allegiance to the US Constitution, the US Army, and our unit.” Plus I would always add one when speaking to large formations; Bearing true faith and allegiance to other Soldiers (each other).

Let’s all ask ourselves; What would our Spokane County team, SCSO, or your specific department’s definition of LOYALTY be? Bear true Faith and allegiance to.... (fill in the blank.) _____? Or create your own definition of loyalty.

This will then help us all to decide how we can consistently live out this value of loyalty. In this message, I have 2 ideas for us on the “how” aspect of implementing steps that can grow this important value in our teams.

First, let’s look at our quote of the day from Eleanor Roosevelt. **“Learn from the mistakes of others, you don’t have time to make them all yourself.”**

In this human race we are all a part of, people make mistakes. One way we can reveal our loyalty to teammates, is to allow us all to learn from mistakes without berating each other. They learn and we learn; trial and error has been around since Adam and Eve; lets strive to add some grace when mistakes happen.

Our 2nd idea on how to show loyalty stems from Proverbs 12:15. **“The way of the fool is right in his own eyes, but he that listens to counsel is wise.”**

The other way we see this value being applied, is in regards to listening to one another. When a team member has some counsel or advice for us, we can show loyalty by simply listening to this teammate who cares enough about us to share their perspective. Give them your ear, and reveal your loyalty to them.

My friends, Let’s be a team that gives true LOYALTY to each other by allowing us all to learn from our mistakes, and be willing to truly listen to wise counsel.

Blessings from Above, CH Robert Kinnune