**Semper Fi! *Semper fidelis*** is a Latin phrase that means "always faithful" or "always loyal". The United States Marine Corps adopted the motto "Semper Fidelis" in 1883. "Semper fidelis" signifies the dedication and loyalty that individual Marines have for 'Corps and Country', even after leaving service. In the United States Marine Corps Seal, the symbols of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor emblem holds a ribbon emblazoned "Semper Fidelis". Marines frequently shorten the motto to "Semper Fi".

In some of our holiday travels I saw it written on the back of a car and said it out loud and wondered what it meant. Beth googled it and Jessie thought it would make a good sermon topic. So here we go.

**Semper Fi (always faithful / always loyal)**

Very common when people get married that they pledge their loyalty and faithfulness to one another. Something like:

"I, Murray, take you, Beth, to be my wedded wife, and I do promise and covenant, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband/wife, in plenty and want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live."

"I, Murray, take you, Beth, as my wedded wife and I promise you love, honor and respect; to be faithful to you, and not to forsake you until death do us part.

"In the presence of God and these our friends I take thee, Beth, to be my wife, promising with Divine assistance to be unto thee a loving and faithful husband/wife so long as we both shall live."

These are other ways of expressing Semper Fi! Always faithful, always loyal (**1 Timothy 3:11**)!

When it comes to always being faithful and loyal:

* God is our benchmark (**Deut. 7:9,** **Isaiah 49:7, 1 Cor. 10:13, 2 Cor. 2:14, 9:8-9, 1 Peter 4:19**)
* Israelites (**Deuteronomy 11:1, 19:9, Psalms 16:8**)
* Jesus (**John 8:29, Hebrews 2:17, 7:25, Revelation 1:4-6, 3:14**)
* NT Examples (**Acts 16:15, 40, 24:16, Colossians 4:12**)
* We Christians (**1 Cor. 15:58, Phil. 2:12, 1 Thes. 5:15, Heb. 10:19-23, 1 Peter 3:15**)

Because He is always faithful, we should strive to always be faithful to Him (**Revelation 2:10**)!

**Semper Fi!** The motto of the United States Marine Corps and should be the motto of every Christian: ***Always faithful, always loyal to God; to Christ; to brethren; and to our fellow man.***

If you are not a Christian, you are not faithful or loyal to God. Why not put your faith and trust in Him by obeying His Son? Repent of your sins and be baptized to wash them all away. And then be determined to live a life of faithfulness and loyalty to them!

For those of us are Christians; let us look sincerely into our hearts and make sure we are being faithful and loyal to our Father in Heaven, our Savior, our brethren, and our fellow man!

If we can help you now, please come forward while we sing **To Christ Be True (528)!**