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Canto XXXIV - Betrayal

Betrayal:

According to the gospels of the New Testament, Judas Iscariot was one of Jesus Christ's original 12 disciples. Judas traveled with Jesus and studied his teachings for three years. He then agreed to betray Jesus by handing him over to the chief priests to be murdered. Judas agreed to lead the chief priests to Jesus and identify him with a kiss on the cheek. In return, Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver.

Loyalty:

During the American Revolution, Nathan Hale went behind enemy lines for the cause, but his identity was betrayed by his own cousin. A British general attempted to bribe Hale into coming over to the British side, but he refused. As a result of his loyalty, Nathan Hale was hanged. His last words were, "I regret only that I have but one life to give for my country."

Dante viewed Judas's level of betrayal as the worst crime against humanity, but sometimes both betrayal and loyalty can come with a price. After reading the examples above, consider the price of each. Provide a modern day example with which you can relate. Within the topic you choose, be sure to consider the price of betrayal as well as the price of loyalty.

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