

Title: Dealing With Betrayal

Text: (Jn 13:1-11)

This story illustrates the True Character of Jesus

(John 13:18-22) One would betray Him!

3½ years He walked, ate, slept, ministered, prayed, taught these men.

Have you ever been Betrayed?

Remember the 1st time you were betrayed? Pain, Shame,

Betrayal teaches us some hard lessons.

Spouse, friend, family. Betrayals hurt worse than the older we get!

Life doesn't get easier.

Illus: When I finally graduate, When I finally get a real job. When I get married, etc. ***SORRY, that's not how it works.***

Life doesn't get any easier, but hopefully we can pick up a few lessons along the way!!

Remember when you betrayed someone?

Oh you didn't mean to, but it just slipped out.

Or maybe you were just sharing a prayer request.

Or maybe you thought you were helping.

Jesus & Judas handled Betrayal in 2 very different ways.

Both had definite ends.

(Jn 13:18)

(Ps 41:9) David thought he was writing literally of Ahithafel and his confederacy with his rebellious son Absalom, But he was really speaking prophetically of Jesus and Judas.

(Ps 41:9) *Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.*

1. They were close. “Familiar friend” Matt 26:48-49, Lk 22:48

Illus: It doesn't hurt as bad when you enemy betrays you.

We sort of expect it. We are on opposite sides.

2. Jesus Trusted Him. “In whom I trusted” Jn 12:6

3. They had spent a lot of time together. “Which did eat of my bread.”

4 Was being used by his arch enemy! *Lifted up his heel against me.* Satan knew what was coming and tried to reverse the roles.

Illus: Someone in the dead cockroach position. Then Stomping them.

This wasn't about 2 competitive friends playing basket ball and Judas fudging a little to win.
He was being used by His arch enemy & stomping Him.

How was Jesus able to endure the betrayal of Judas?

Jesus' focus was not on Judas:

This is where we get hurt!
It's not about you!

Inspite of all you have put into the relationship they let you down on Purpose!

Of course you are affected.

It would be foolish to say you shouldn't be.

It would be foolish to say Jesus wasn't affected by this HE WAS!

But in spite of the affect He wasn't overtaken by it.

Yes, its OK to feel hurt, but its not OK to be destroyed by it.

Yes it breaks your heart, but it's not OK to be ruined by it emotionally

Yes it weighs on you, but it's not OK to become bitter about it!

Jn 13:21 *Jesus was troubled about it.*
Pain is Natural

Spouce, child, friend, sibling its gonna hurt but it's a whole other thing to dwell on it and to let it over come you & make you stumble so you can't get back up!

Jesus focused on God who allowed it!

(Gal 1:4) *Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:*

We are mistaken if we believe that we will not suffer in this life:

(1 Pet 3:17-19) *For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. 18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison: (Death)*
(2 Tim 2:9-11*)

Jesus focused on fulfilling God's will for His life! **(Lk 22:42)**

You are chosen of God! (1 Pet 2:9)

God is Omniscient, or all knowing, and He hasn't misplaced you!

God is Sovereign! He isn't just all knowing,
He is Omnipotent, or all powerful!

Because of these, you can believe He is greater than your situation and you can trust Him!

Because Jesus Focused on God's will for His life,
He trusted God and Loved Judas anyway!

I'm not saying you should set yourself up 4 Betrayal
But you have to trust that God is in control

You will never grow to walk by faith until you do.
You will always walk by sight and miss the Victory
of this trial!

How should we treat those that betray us?

How did Jesus treat Judas!

Remember: *Jesus knew what Judas was going to do before he did it.*

He didn't prejudge Judas.

He knew what Judas was capable of.

(John 6:70) *Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?*

Jesus treated him right from the beginning.

Jesus didn't limited his interaction or shun Judas

He treated him the same as he did the other disciples.

(Jn 13:4-5, 14, 21, 26) He Washed That Man's Feet!

Illus: *We ALL have people that have betrayed us & we wouldn't naturally feel like giving them a glass of water if they were dying, let alone wash their feet.*

Illus: *It would shock you to know that there some people who don't like me!*

I KNOW, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE.

*Maybe it's something I said, or didn't say,
They Wouldn't SPIT ON ME IF I WERE ON FIRE!*
Jesus never limited His interaction with Judas.

Jesus didn't tell others what Judas was.

Everybody in here tonight has a past.

All of us have enough stain on our record to
reveal us to be the sorry sinners that we
are, BUT THAT NEEDS TO REMAIN
BETWEEN YOU AND GOD!

Jesus Focused on fulfilling God's Word! (Ps 41:9)

Jesus knew who and what he was, He still loved him,
and expected God to take care of Him!

You do right & expect God to fulfill HIS WORD in
your life!

God will use this to make us more like Christ if we
let him! (Rom 8:28-29)

Jesus focused on the Big Picture.

Fulfilling God's Will and God's Word.

(Jn 13:1-2) The devil was influencing this situation.

Illus: I am not saying those that betrayed you are possessed of Satan, but they are influenced by him directly, and by their flesh that is stirred up by the world's system, that Satan influences.

Jesus knew He was not at odds with Judas.

(Eph 6:12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

They are not your enemy!

We have to Focus on the Big Picture. Their actions does not excuse us from fulfilling our role as God's Child, and God's Plan for us.

How many people do you know named ...

Benedict Arnold? Or Judas?

People don't forget those that betray them.

(Ps 41:10) But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.

"Requite" Pay Back!

This is what most of us have been waiting on!

Their gonna get there's Oh Yea! Pay Back Buddy

*(Prov 24:17-18) **Rejoice not** when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: 18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.*

Let God handle them. He will do such a better job than you can!

(Prov 25:21-22) If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

Be Kind to them. Do you believe God is going to reward you for being Mean to them?

(Lk 6:27,35; 1 Thes 5:15)

(Gen 45:14,15) Life of Joseph - (Gen 50:19-20)

1. Humble our hurt Pride,
2. Believe God is in Control. (Jn 13:3)
3. Believe God is going to work it out for your good. (Rom 8:28)
4. Do Good unto them. (Rom 12:20-21)

Judas dealt with his betrayal in a very different way

He Hung himself – (Acts 1:17-18)

He should have Confessed it as Sin, Repented, & been Forgiven. (1 John 1:9)

Victim or Perpetrator,

You will decide how you will respond.