

# *Betrayal*

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Luke 22:48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

John 18:5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

## Betrayal

Treachery, treason, deception, infidelity, disloyalty, abandonment, deceit, unfaithfulness, falseness, lying, desertion, duplicity, double-dealing, fraud, guile.

- I. Betrayal is worse than murder in many ways because of the damage that it causes.
  - A. There are layers and layers of damage and confusion that result from betrayal.
  - B. There is the initial pain of the fact that the one you trusted has betrayed you.
  - C. There is the confusion in trying to figure out a way to explain why they did it.
  - D. There is the anger and rage that rises up in you at being done so wrong.
  - E. We might expect it from an enemy or a stranger, but when we trust someone and allow them into our life, our family, our hearts, and then receive this in return is a very hard pill to swallow.

Psalm 55:12-14 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

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

- F. Adultery is betrayal.
  - G. Sometimes stealing from someone is betrayal.
  - H. Betrayal is switching sides, or revealing that you were on the other side all along.
  - I. It ruins everything in the present and in the past.
    - 1. When you start remembering your relationship and time spent with the person who has betrayed you, every memory is spoiled.
    - 2. You remember particular times and conversations and things they said and did and it is a torment to your mind.
    - 3. You feel that nothing is real anymore; everything was a lie, and you feel like your whole life has just been wasted.
  - J. All this affects how you look at your future, because you cannot imagine how you can trust anyone again.
- II. But being betrayed does not have to be the end of trusting and loving people.
    - A. Time has a way of healing and easing the pain and despair of it.
    - B. We have our great example in Jesus, and the comfort of knowing He suffered being betrayed also.
    - C. We have written down for us the words He spoke as they crucified Him, saying “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.”
    - D. We should pray for these folks and for one another, because as we go through life we will experience betrayal at some point or another.