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- In Life We Can Be Betrayed By Things – Or By People

- Betrayal IS: The treacherous exposing or deceiving of people by those they formerly trusted. It is usually associated with an enemy masquerading as a friend, or with a broken or abused relationship.

- Read: John 13:12-30
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(Mark 14:43-52 NIV) Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. (44) Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." (45) Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him.
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(46) The men seized Jesus and arrested him. (47) Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. (48) "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? (49) Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." (50) Then everyone deserted him and fled. (51) A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, (52) he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.
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- Betrayal Is Part Of Human Experience
- There Is A Life And Death Aspect Of Betrayal
- Betrayal Is Seen As A Particularly Wicked Act
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Betrayal Comes At The Hands Of Those Who Are The Closest To Us

(Psa 55:12-14 NIV) If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were raising himself against me, I could hide from him. (13) But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend, (14) with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God.
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- The Betrayal Of Jesus Christ

**(Mark 14:10-11 NIV)** Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. (11) They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.
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- Judas Will Always Be Known As A Betrayer
- Of All The Other Things He Did In His Life – He Is Only Remembered As A Betrayer
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- Betrayal May Be Part Of Christian Experience
- God Never Betrays Those Who Trust In Him

(Psa 125:1 NIV) Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

(Prov 29:25 NIV) Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

(Isa 26:3-4 NIV) You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. (4) Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal.
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- How To Deal With Betrayal

(Isa 61 NIV) The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, (2) to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, (3) and provide for those who grieve in Zion-- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.
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- Focus On Christ And Not On Christians
- Open Up To Healing
- Recognize Your Own Imperfection
- Release The Bitterness – Forgive The Hurters