

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Overcoming Betrayal”

“Overcomer – Beating the Enemy to the Punch” – Round 15

Psalm 55:1-23 & Selected

What to Do When I Have Betrayed Someone:

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.” Matthew 18:15

1. Own it!
2. Confess it!
3. Explain it!
4. Request it!
5. Stop it!

Because God has been betrayed, He understands...

I. When I am emotionally shattered by betrayal.

“Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!” Vs. 1

II. When I have the overwhelming desire to escape.

“And I say, ‘Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness.’”

Vs. 6-7

III. When I cry out for justice to be done.

“Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city.” Vs. 9

IV. When I feel the acute pain of betrayal by an intimate friend.

See Vs. 12-15

“Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, would you betray the Son of man with a kiss?’” Luke 22:48

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.” Proverbs 27:6

V. When I look to Him for a plan for overcoming betrayal.

“But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.” Vs. 16

God’s Plan for Overcoming Betrayal...

- **PRAY** without ceasing.
“Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and He hears my voice.” Vs. 17
- **REST** in the protection and safety of God.
“He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.” Vs. 18
- **ACCEPT** that God will hear you and humble them.
“God will give ear and humble them, He who is enthroned from of old, because they do not change and do not fear God.” Vs. 19
- **MAINTAIN** your integrity at all time.
“Cast your burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.” Vs. 22
- **TRUST** God completely.
“But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.” Vs. 23

Round 15 Knockout Punch:

When I am knocked down by the sucker-punch of betrayal, I won’t be knocked out because I will trust in the LORD!