

A Warrior's Notes

When Loyalty Fails

"And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom." — **2 Samuel 15:12**

"For I heard the defamation of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him." — **Jeremiah 20:10**

These verses reveal a shared burden: betrayal often rises from familiar places.

David faced a growing conspiracy led by trusted counsel. Jeremiah endured the sting of acquaintances waiting for his fall. Both men experienced the loneliness that comes when loyalty fades.

Yet neither account ends in despair. Scripture shows that when human support weakens, God remains unwavering.

Betrayal exposes where our confidence truly rests — in people or in the Lord.

When familiar voices turn against you, anchor your heart in God's unchanging faithfulness.

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

David felt the deep wound of betrayal, yet he committed his cause to God rather than seeking revenge. Trust in the Lord steadied his heart.

"I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me." — **John 13:18**.

Jesus endured betrayal from Judas, yet remained obedient to the Father's will. Even treachery could not interrupt God's purpose.

When whispers surround you, remember: God is never conspiring against His people — He is working for them.