

## Love and Betrayal

### John 13:21-38

**vs. 21**, Troubled in his spirit  
Love and trusted friendship leaves the heart open to woundedness.

One of you will betray me.

**vs. 22-25**, How can this be?

*Peter* - Who is he talking about?

*John* - Lord who is it?

**vs. 26-30**, Judas receives the dipped piece of bread.

- Satan entered him -> acting in a way that is counter to the kingdom.
- We are witnessing Judas being used by the forces of darkness to betray Jesus.

**8:44** You are of your father the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

Those who listen to the devil, follow in his footsteps.

Devil = Murderer

If your father is the devil = desire to kill Jesus (**8:40-41**)

**Stark Contrast** -> Satan enters Judas / God's Spirit entering the other disciples

**14:20, 23** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. **23** Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

**Important**: God remains in control. Remember Genesis 50:20 You planned evil against me; God planned it for good

Satan thinks he is winning when, in fact, he is losing!

The other disciples remain confused

- Gathering supplies?
- Giving to the poor?

And it was night...

What will the future entail?

How will the followers of Jesus experience similar joy and sorrow as they continue Jesus' mission?

**vs. 31-33**,

The Son of Man is glorified

God is glorified in him

God will also glorify him in himself

Where I am going, you cannot come.

Subtle and explicit reality of the upside down kingdom.

- The glory of the cross holds the expectation that disciples love one another as Jesus loved them.
- The cross may prove more difficult than disciples are prepared for.
- Jesus however has provided a way for disciples to be empowered to follow him even in sacrifice.
- God is present through his son (14:9-12)
- The word of God, the Spirit of God all given and experienced through obedience.
- The Spirit gives peace (16:33)

Once Jesus has glorified the Father by submitting to the cross, the Father will turn Jesus' death into a glorification of the Son by exalting him right away. ~ Craig Keener

**vs. 34-45**, New command

Love one another.

- Just as I have love you. (I have given you the example).
- What is the example of Jesus concerning complete love?
- Everyone will know you belong to me (disciple) if you love one another.

Love / Sacrifice / Serve

Earthly death is not the end.

Unity in diversity (Jewish, Gentile, Samaritan).

Self sacrifice -> the laying down of...

**vs. 36**, Lord, where are you going?

Jesus - I told you you cannot follow, but you will follow later.

**vs. 37**, But why? I will lay down my life for you.

**vs. 38**, Will you?

Loving one another and following Jesus to the death are one and the same.

- You will not follow me to death (at this time).
- Peter will follow Jesus in martyrdom later (21:18-19)
- You will deny me three times.
- Then you will hear the rooster crow.

-> Genuine belief at this time in Peter's story arc lacks courage.  
(The greater the love, the greater the pain)

Serving (as Jesus did) demands sacrifice.

What has John revealed so far through his writing of his gospel.

Maturity is drilling down into deeper and deeper faith

**2:23-25** While he was in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival, many believed in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. **24** Jesus, however, would not entrust himself to them, since he knew them all **25** and because he did not need anyone to testify about man; for he himself knew what was in man.

**8:30-32** As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

**31** Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. **32** You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**Ones depth of maturity will prepare you for the future.**

- Prayer, Amplify, Truth, Community, Cultivate, Mission

**Taking up ones cross**

**12:24-26** Truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. **25** The one who loves his life will lose it, and the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** If anyone serves me, he must follow me. Where I am, there my servant also will be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

**Failure, if embraced, leads to growth which leads to perseverance.**

**21:18-19** "Truly I tell you, when you were younger, you would tie your belt and walk wherever you wanted. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will tie you and carry you where you don't want to go." **19** He said this to indicate by what kind of death Peter would glorify God. After saying this, he told him, "Follow me."