



When You're Betrayed...

1. Direct _____ (vv.1, 17)

When You're Betrayed...

2. Don't _____ (vv.2-8)

When You're Betrayed...

3. Leave _____ (vv.9-23)

Psalm 55

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS. A MASKIL OF DAVID.

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! **2** Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, **3** because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. **4** My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. **5** Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. **6** And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; **7** yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah **8** I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest." **9** Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city. **10** Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it; **11** ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace. **12** For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him. **13** But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. **14** We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. **15** Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart. **16** But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. **17** Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. **18** He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. **19** God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not fear God. **20** My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. **21** His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. **22** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. **23** 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. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 4:7-10**. What are some of the practical reasons it is so important that we as Christians are not "despairing" because of the injustices and betrayals we experience in this fallen world?
2. Read **John 16:33** and **1 Peter 4:12-13**. How would you counsel a new Christian about a proper expectation regarding his time in this present world without creating a negative and pessimistic person?
3. Read **Romans 12:14-21**. Why is giving into the temptation to take our own revenge so foolish and damaging? How do you fight this temptation?
4. Read **Psalms 55:17** and **Psalms 62:8**. How has prayer helped you to curtail your complaining and bitterness in the past? What practical steps can you take to pray more than you do now and complain less?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

June 16th
Neh. 1-3 & Ac. 2:1-13
June 17th
Neh. 4-6 & Ac. 2:14-47
June 18th
Neh. 7-8 & Ac. 3
June 19th
Neh. 9-11 & Ac. 4:1-22
June 20th
Neh. 12-13 & Ac. 4:23-37
June 21st
Esth. 1-3 & Ac. 5:1-16
June 22nd
Esth. 4-6 & Ac. 5:17-42
June 23rd
Esth. 7-10 & Ac. 6

This Week's Compass 20/20 Discussion Question

- Read **Ezra 6:13-18**. In what way does this scene of the completion of their project motivate you when thinking about the good and godly aspirations we share for Compass 20/20?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 11-08 – **Learning Counterintuitive Responses**
Msg. 18-02 – **Lamenting His Rebellious Subjects**
Msg. 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**
Msg. 12-20 – **When Nothing Seems Fair**
Msg. 13-18 – **Jesus as Judge**
Msg. 11-11 – **Working to Rest in God's Justice**
Msg. 14-01 – **Dealing with Mean & Demanding People**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.
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Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.
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Piper, John. **Love Your Enemies: Jesus' Love Command in the Synoptic Gospels**. Baker Books, 1992.
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Powlison, David. **God's Love: Better Than Unconditional**. P & R Publishing, 2001.
Pritchard, Ray. **The Healing Power of Forgiveness**. Harvest House, 2005.
Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.
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Zacharias, Ravi. **Deliver Us from Evil: Restoring the Soul in a Disintegrating Culture**. Thomas Nelson, 1998.