



“Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who did eat of my bread, has lifted upon his head against me. But You, O LORD, be merciful to me.” Psalm 41:9 – 10a

The pain of betrayal is one of the most hurtful of all human emotions. The world today is full of such people having personally felt the betrayal of a husband or wife through adultery or divorce. Children are regularly subjected to those same pains of rejection and the same spirit of divorce and unfaithfulness that has broken their parent’s lives – only this time they sense it from two sources not just one! Employees experience this betrayal at the hand of corrupt corporate officers who have deceived them and lost their retirement monies and thus their future hopes. We may experience betrayal from friends, teachers, ministers, and politicians. Betrayal is rampant and continues its destructive swath through our culture all in the name greed that has been cloaked in the guise of personal fulfillment or achievement.

With such attitudes prevalent in our society is there any hope of a genuine security of heart and mind? Is there the possibility – even remotely – of not being betrayed by someone close to us? Most likely everyone will face this heartache at some point in their lives.

For the Christian, no matter the betrayal, no matter the pain, there is One Who will never betray, never be disloyal, and never abandon you! Should we find ourselves as the betrayer, the Lord yet remains faithful – faithful to Himself, faithful to His purposes and faithful to us as well. His mercy is always abundant and unending. You may be suffering from many hurts and scars of personal betrayal. The same remembrances may be keeping you at arms length from experiencing the Lord’s healing and cleansing balm. Let go of those bad memories and experiences. Won’t you allow Jesus, Who has stood where you stand now, Who experienced the pain of personal rejection and betrayal, minister His life and faithfulness to your wounded heart?!

To those who have been hurt by betrayal - “Lord Jesus, it is a fearful and painful thing to open my heart to someone, especially after I have been so deeply wounded, but Lord, I open my heart to You and Your healing and loving care. Help me to trust again.”

To those who have betrayed – “Lord have mercy on me, forgive me and grace me to walk in loyalty and faithfulness. Heal me and teach me to love as You loved.”

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