



## "The People In Our Lives"

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## The People Who Betray Us 2 Samuel 13-18

**Listen!** Fix in your mind the face of a person who betrayed you terrifically.

**Question:** What do I do in the face of this bitter betrayal and pain?

**Betrays are common among sinful people:**

- Amnon betrays Tamar by raping her.
  - Motive: lust.
  - 2 Samuel 13:1-19
- David betrays his family by not disciplining Amnon.
  - Motive: fear.
  - 2 Samuel 13:21
- Absalom betrays Amnon by killing him.
  - Motive: Revenge.
  - 2 Samuel 13:1-29
- David betrays Absalom by not disciplining him and by not forgiving him.
  - Motive for not disciplining: fear.
  - 2 Samuel 13:30-39
  - Motive for not forgiving: bitterness and punitive stubbornness.
  - 2 Samuel 14:21-33
- Absalom betrays David by taking the throne.
  - Motive: retaliation and rejection.
  - 2 Samuel 15:1-23
- Ahithophel betrays David by defecting to Absalom.
  - Motive: personal advancement.
  - 2 Samuel 15:31.
- Joab betrays David by killing Absalom.
  - Motive: hatred and justice.
  - 2 Samuel 18:9-15.

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# Walking Papers

Practical Helps for Walking With God

## What do we do in the aftermath of betrayal?

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Please take time this week to work on the life change applications from today's passage:

- **Today:** List the people and the incidents in which you have been betrayed. Are there any of these for which you still hold animosity? Feel like retaliating? Plot revenge? (Note: There is a difference between feeling the pain of being betrayed and desiring revenge for being betrayed.)
- **Monday:** Which of these betrayals overwhelmed the sovereignty of God in order to get to you?
- **Tuesday:** Someone said, "You cannot begin to grieve (and thus to heal) until you stop protesting." Are you still protesting the injury? Are you willing to let go of the injury and cast yourself on God now?
- **Wednesday:** What would it mean for you to "cast your burden upon the Lord?" Psalm 55:22.
- **Thursday:** What does the Bible say about retaliation and revenge? Do you believe this? Do you do this?
- **Friday:** Have you ever betrayed anyone? Anyone at all? What does God expect you to do about this?
- **Saturday:** How did Jesus deal with being betrayed by Peter?

***Turn to God first and to retaliation never.***