

Betrayal - Love - Denial

I. Slide1 **Announce:**

- A. Slide2-6 Kelly: Moms. R&R. Xmas. Movie. VM rm133 4pm.
- B. Slide7 Dave Eubank & Fam: This Wed Night. 7pm.

II. Slide8 **Intro:** *Betrayal - Love - Denial*

A. How does your **dog** know when you're *putting him in the car*, whether you're taking him to the **Vet** or the **dog park**? (They know!) They say often when **sheep** arrive at a **slaughter house** in trucks, they know instinctively that the slaughterhouse is *a bad place*. They can **smell** or **sense** something which *warns of danger*. The truck carrying them will stop, the **gangplank** will be put down, but they will *refuse to move*. The slaughterhouse operators have devised a way of getting round the problem. They keep a **sheep** on the premises, who is used to the place and doesn't mind it any more. They take it up the plank on to the truck, and then it walks down again quite happily. The other sheep, seeing *one of their own leading the way*, will follow. They call this sheep **Judas!** adapted from Wright, T

1. **Judas**, a name always associated with *betrayal*. [Here, the *most tragic betrayal* in all of history]

III. Slide9a **BETRAYAL (21-30)** *His betrayer announced, identified, & dispatched*

A. Jesus had just washed the disciples feet. He washed *betraying* feet. *Denying* feet. *Prideful* feet. **And** He also made the feet clean that would *run away* from him, *in just a few hours*.

B. The confrontation between *light and darkness*, which has been hanging over the gospel story ever since the *Prologue* (1:5), is coming to its **climax**.

1. Jesus, flanked by **love** (John) **and betrayal** (Judas). [Judas a *pretend friend*]
1 thinking short term (30 pieces silver) **1 thinking long term** (eternal Life).
2. *Perhaps it is always like this. Perhaps they always go together in this life, the joy and the agony, the intimacy and the knife in the back. Maybe Jesus' openness to the one meant that he was bound to be open to the other as well. Maybe it is like that for us too.* Wright, T. (2004). John for Everyone.

C. (18) A quote from Ps.41:9 - **Heel**

1. Only here in the NT. The metaphor is of, *one administering a kick*. On the ground & vulnerable, your own confidant, who should use his **knee** to protect you, instead chooses to lift his own **foot/heel** against you with a blow.
 - a) *Slide9b* Gen.3:15 curse to the serpent, *And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He (Jesus) will strike your head (satan), and you (satan) will strike his heel (Jesus).*
 - b) *We've all been backstabbed, betrayed, double crossed.*
 2. **Betrayal** is bad enough, **but** to do so after **sharing a meal** makes it even more heinous.
- D. (21) **Jesus was troubled in his spirit** - There is no shame in **spirit-trouble**; it's what you get when you're *a footwasher, a generous-love person, open to deep friendship and to the serious wounds that only friends can give.*
- E. (26) **Dipping a piece of bread in the dish and passing it to someone** was *a sign of special friendship*. It was a betrayal of intimate, close trust and friendship out of his **Life Group**.
1. Jesus washed the very **heels that were raised against Him...& fed a morsel to the very lips** that would kiss His cheek to identify Him to His captives, in just a few hours. [*eg. we had thanksgiving meal together? We got married?*]
- F. If the *giving of the morsel* to him was **Jesus' last appeal of love...what state of heart does vs.27 indicate? Wow.**
1. *Slide10* U-shaped table. [John on his right, leaned on Jesus. rt hand free to eat]
 2. **People celebrating the Passover reclined on couches as a symbol of freedom.**
 - a) **Free people** reclined to eat. **Slaves** sat or stood.
 3. Judas obviously received the place on the left hand, *the seat of highest honor*, kept for **the most intimate friend**.
 - a) *Judas, come sit by me tonight. I want to talk to you.* (again the very seat was an appeal) [*or...keep your enemies close*]
 - b) Realizing the power of **Jesus' love** to soften even the most mercenary of traitors, **Satan** steps in to make sure that nothing foils his assassination plot.
- G. *Slide11a* How do you respond when a **heel** of betrayal comes crushing down on you?
1. *Forgiveness is the fragrance the rose sheds on the heel that has crushed it.*

- a) No one relishes being stepped on, any more than a rose does. **But** when it happens, let Jesus example be your response.
- b) **Slide11b** *Let His fragrance exude in you a potent forgiveness, reaching the nostrils of the one whose heel has hurt you.* Swindoll

- H. **Slide12** Let's not forget, **Judas** is who we **all** are, *apart from the grace of God*.
- I. (28,29) Jesus did not reveal Judas's secret; in fact, he treated him just like the others & they didn't detect anything wrong.
 - 1. **Wow**, 1st to even invite him to the meal. **Then** to wash his feet. **Then** to give him the seat of highest honor. **Then** to share His bread with him. **Then** to not tell his best friends who it was. **Then** to show he could read hearts...*Judas, how did Jesus know?*
 - 2. **Jesus w/the towel** is the perfect example of humility. **Judas w/the bread** is a perfect example of hypocrisy & treachery. Warren Wiersbe, *With the Word*, Jn.13.
 - 3. **None of them would have suspected Judas**. He was made the CFO in charge of their accounting (**who you trust w/cash, is who you trust the most**).
 - a) You don't put *impetuous Peter* in charge of the \$, *I bought a camel today*. **But** someone who is *steady, dependable, organized, trustworthy*.
- J. **Slide13** What sorrow must have constantly weighed on our Savior's heart, in knowing that all his love & care would be **resisted** by Judas, **as** a rock in your flower garden refuses to respond to the friendly influences of spring. F.B.Meyer, John 13, adapted.
- K. **Slide14** (read 30) This verse is one of John's *master-touches* as a **storyteller**. The door opens into the **dark night**, in every sense **and** at every level, **and** *Judas disappears into it*.
- L. Watch this...connect verse 30 with 12:35 [darkness/light]
 - 1. Like **Pharaoh**, unbending & unchanged, **Judas'** heart remains hardened. **And so** he ventures out into the *cold, dark, alleyways of betrayal* - far from the Light that loved him & offered him warmth. Chuck Swindoll, John, Pg.81.
 - 2. The **door** shuts...**mood** changes...**excitement** enters.

IV. **Slide15a LOVE (31-35)**

- A. **Now**, the farewell address begins (13:31-end of ch.16). **Instruction on His upcoming death, res, exaltation.**
1. **Now is the Son of man glorified** - *how?* Because Jesus allowed God's will to be done when presented with the option of *stopping the person who would betray Him*, God makes Jesus great. Faithlife Study Bible (Jn 13:31)
 2. **Slide15b Glory** - His glory & His Father's glory, was *the supreme end* of all Christ came to **be & do**.
- B. **Little children** - a *common way* for a teacher to address disciples. Faithlife Study Bible (Jn 13:33)
- C. What a relief the traitor now gone. The Lord could now freely speak of **His love** & of **His approaching glory**.
- D. **Slide15c New Commandment** - *uhh is it new?* Love isn't new. Love one another isn't new (Lev.19:18). *As I just showed you (as I have loved you)*...is new.
1. Jesus' disciples are instructed to *love other people the way Jesus loved them, serving them like a slave would*, as He did moments earlier, *even to the point of laying down their lives for others*.
- E. **Slide15d** This is truly the *nucleus* of the whole passage. **Love** (3 x's)
1. *The mark of the Christian is the love which he or she exercises toward others.*
 2. A love **not** center upon one's own interest **but** rather upon the welfare of others
 3. It's the kind of love **God** extends to us. **Thus**, *a reciprocal love* is expected.
- F. **Slide16** What are the characteristics of love? 1 Cor.13 msg
1. **Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. Love never dies.** [it's *love redefined*, it's relationship, **not** rules]
- G. **What makes Christian love unique?** The **power** behind it (HS) **where** it comes from (above). And, it is *poured out into our hearts*.
- H. **Slide17** **All people will know** - *the indicator of a Christian* is the way they treat others.

1. This is to be **the badge** that the Christian community wears before the watching world. **And NOT**, just love those **who are just like you**.

V. Slide18a **DENIAL (36-38)**

- A. Oh how **little** we know ourselves. [I'm a good person...you don't know yourself. I'm a nobody...you don't know yourself. I can do this...you don't know yourself. I'd never do that...you don't know yourself]
- B. Slide18b Peter relied upon **his strong resolve** to keep him faithful to His Master.
1. We've tried this experiment many times (doing it in our strength).
 2. It was the Holiness movement that the Wesley brothers & George Whitefield joined. Well intentioned, doing their best to live by their creeds, **"We will read, study, memorize scripture faithfully. We will not fall to temptations. We will..."**
 - a) Holiness adherents believe that the **2nd work of grace** (or **2nd blessing**) refers to a personal experience subsequent to **regeneration**, commonly called **salvation**, in which **the believer is cleansed of the tendency to commit sin**.
 - b) This experience is also known as **entire sanctification** (by the Methodist) or **Perfectionism** (by the Quakers) which they believe **enables the believer to live a holy life, and ideally, to live entirely without willful sin**.
 3. Do not boast in your **self-confidence**, what you will or won't do, **but seek the strength from the Living Lord**.
 4. There's a fine-line between a commitment to holiness & pure self-confidence.
 5. Peter just **slid down** a **dark ravine** into the shadows of self-confidence & didn't even know it yet.
- C. (37) **I will lay down my life for Your sake** - Well yes, he eventually would...**but after** the indwelling of the HS at Pentecost.
1. Peter said in his epistle, **knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me** (i.e. Jn.21:18). 1 Pet.1:14
- D. The **difference** between **Judas** & **Peter** was...one **betrayed** Jesus, the other **denied** Him. **And**, **Peter** sought forgiveness. **Judas** did not.
1. What could account for so great a defection from such a dedicated disciple?

- a) *Simon, Simon! Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.* Lk22:31
- b) Satan wanted to **thresh** the wheat of Peter's faith & then beat it into the ground until the husk breaks open.
- (1) **Then** he'll show the world what's *really* inside Peter's heart.
- (2) **Then** *the backbone of the revolution* will be as good as **crushed**.
- E. (38) **denied me 3 times** - *Peter's declaration was honest but ignorant.* Although Peter believes he is *completely dedicated* to following Jesus, he actually is **not**.
1. **Oh how little we know ourselves.** [how important to have friends, counselors, pastors, ministry leaders to ask you questions, to speak into your life]
- F. Somewhere in the night a rooster stretches its neck, shakes its feathers, & will crow an indictment against Peter.
1. **But** remember, it was **Satan not Jesus** who did the *sifting*.
2. **Slide18c Jesus was the friend praying.** *But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.* Lk.22:32
- G. In the strange purpose of God, **love** and **betrayal**; **glory** and **denial**, *go so closely together.*