

# Betrayal

silver platter

## **Study Guide**

## A Note from Pastor Adam

I was 10 years old the first time experienced Betrayal in a major way. It was devastating, life changing, and all around miserable.

As we enter into this study of Joseph's life called Betrayal, I am sure that it will cause you to think of times in your life that are painful and emotional. Remember, there is purpose in the pit and God is preparing you for what he has already planned for you (Jeremiah 29:11).

### **How to use this Study Guide:**

This study guide is broken down into six 10-15 minute daily devotionals. Hopefully these study guides will help you take what we are studying together as a Church on Sunday morning and make it your personal study throughout the week.

As you spend time in God's Word throughout the week I trust that you will experience God working in your life, and experience growth in your own life.

*II Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

1. Find a place you can get alone, think and meet with the Lord .
2. Bring your Bible, a pen, and the study guide.
3. Take notes, and write down your thoughts as you go through the guide.
4. Begin each devotion asking God to speak to you and to reveal Himself to you.
5. End each session praising the Lord for who he is and what you have learned about Him.

As we seek after the Lord together both corporately and individually, I want you to know that I am committed to praying for you. I regularly pray this prayer for you:

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

*Ephesians 1:17*

On the Journey With You,

Adam Reardon

## **Betrayal** **“Silver Platter”**

### **Devotion #1:** **Silver Platter**

What will you do when those who have betrayed you are served up to you on a silver platter?

Interesting question isn't it!

I believe that you will face those you have betrayed you again. Mainly because at one point or another the betrayer they will experience famine because of their betrayal.

We see the effects of famine in the lives of Joseph's Brothers:

#### **Read Genesis 42:21-24**

Joseph's brothers somehow knew that what they had done all those years ago was catching up to them. In their own words, they felt like they were being punished now for what they did all those years ago to Joseph when he was 17 years old.

Joseph, now thirty-seven years old and the second in command over all of Egypt has a hard decision to make. Now face to face with his brothers, who threw him in the pit and sold him into slavery, Joseph now must decide what he will do to those that betrayed him as they bow before him.

#### **Read Genesis 42:6-20.**

1. Is there anyone in your life that has hurt you so badly that it is hard to forgive them?
  
2. Have you ever daydreamed about taking revenge, and how you would get them back?
  
3. What did that person do to you that was so painful?

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### **Devotion #2**

#### **Silver**

Silver plays an interesting role in the life of Joseph and as you see the bigger picture of Joseph's life, you find silver as theme in the background.

1. **Genesis 37:28**- Joseph was sold into slavery for \_\_\_\_\_ of silver.
2. **Genesis 42:25-36**- Joseph's brother's find \_\_\_\_\_ in their travel bags.
3. **Genesis 44:1-2**- Joseph had his silver cup hidden in \_\_\_\_\_ bag.

Joseph was sold into slavery for twenty shekels of silver, and now as second in command over all of Egypt, Joseph begins to unleash his revenge on his brothers by setting them up with silver coins and his royal silver cup!

- Why do you think the idea of taking revenge is so tempting?

When we are faced with these types of decisions we have two choices:

1. Strike Back at those who have hurt us
2. Strike Up a Conversation with God.

Read **Philippians 4:4-7**.

Make this verse your prayer when you are faces with these difficult decisions:

*“God, give me the patience and the strength to do what you want me to do !”*

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### **Devotion #3**

#### **Leave Room**

A few years ago I had the opportunity to walk through some very difficult times with some people who have been very wounded by people close to them. One of them in particular was a young woman who had wholeheartedly trusted in the empty promises a young man made to her.

After a year of marriage built empty promises, she had a newborn baby, was now divorced and on her own to fend for both her child and herself.

I remember one day this young lady and her child came into my office and we were chatting, instantly her eyes filled up with tears and she looked me dead in the eye and said something along the lines of, “You know what kills me, he just gets away with it and I do not know where to go, what to do, or how to feel”.

Most of us can relate to that statement. When we are hurt, betrayed, and thrown into the pit, we almost always want to do something. We want to take some sort of action; the problem is we usually end up doing the wrong things, like seek revenge.

As you read this you might be asking yourself, what am I supposed to do when I am hurt and feel like those who have hurt you are just getting away with it?

**Read Romans 12:17-21.**

Jesus battled our rebellion and retaliated our betrayal by willingly and sacrificially enduring the suffering of the cross. Jesus fought with unconventional weapons and accomplished what no other weapon could accomplish.

You and I are called to follow in His footsteps.

We let God avenge, after all there is no such things as “getting away with it”.

1. Is there anyone in your life that has hurt you so badly that it is hard to forgive them?
  
2. How could you begin to serve this person/people out of love?

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### **Devotion #4 Egypt**

Do you ever get that feeling when you know you are being watched? You know the one, the hairs on the back of your neck stand up, and even though you can't see them you know someone was watching!

If you ever get that feeling, it is probably because people are watching you!

We see this lived out in Joseph's Life:

- Joseph caught the eye of \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 39:1-4
- Joseph caught the eye of the \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 39:20-23
- Joseph caught the eye of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 40:5-9

While Joseph was going through the “Pit Process”, there were people watching him. In fact Joseph goes on to catch the attention of Pharaoh and ultimately all of Egypt. It was safe to say, people were watching Joseph as he processed through the pit in his life.

Joseph was being watched all the time, even in the low moments of the pit.

### **Read Genesis 45:1-2**

As Joseph worked his plan to betray his brothers who betrayed him all those years ago, he had an emotional breakdown, that all of Egypt even Pharaoh heard about it!

### **Read 1 Peter 2:12**

While at times in our lives revenge is justified, retaliation will always effect your reputation!

1. What is your Egypt? Who is watching you as you walk through this time?
2. How might retaliation effect your reputation?

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### **Devotion #5**

Forgiveness

There will be times in our lives when we will be tempted to take revenge on those who have hurt us and while revenge at times may be justified in our minds, in God's economy Revenge is God's and God's alone.

#### **Read Romans 12:17-21.**

You and I are not called to take revenge, but we are called to action! We are called to actively forgive those who have hurt us. The Bible does not say we are supposed to sit by and do nothing when people hurt us; we are called to forgive them!

#### **Read Matthew 18:21-35**

Jesus who willingly and sacrificially endured the torture and brutal murder of crucifixion to secure your forgiveness and mine, says that you and I will be treated harshly by the Father if we refuse to forgive others.

I personally find Matthew 18:21-35 to be a constant, sober reminder of how quickly I am to forgive those who have hurt me!

Back on Day One I asked you the following questions:

1. Is there anyone in your life that has hurt you so badly that it is hard to forgive them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have you ever daydreamed about taking revenge, and how you would get them back?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What did that person do to you that was so painful?

Have you forgiven these people yet? If not, it is time to begin the process of forgiveness in your life. Just as Jesus has forgiven you, you are to forgive those who have hurt you!