

RADICAL LOVE

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Finding Jesus, Finding Life part 39

Have you ever been betrayed by a close friend? Or, been abandoned or rejected by someone you really loved?

BIG IDEA: Even with the deep sting of betrayal and the abandonment of a close friend, Jesus calls us into radical, self-giving love as the main thing we are known for.

¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ... So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him.

Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him... And it was night.

1. Jesus washed his **BETRAYERS FEET**!
2. Betrayal cannot stop God's **GOOD PURPOSES**.

3. **GOD FEELS** the deep sting of betrayal, and still pours out his love.

"man of sorrows and well-acquainted with grief." **Is. 53:3**

³¹ Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

"Glory" describes ***what someone is known for***—reputation.

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

4. **Loving others the way he has loved us in not a REQUEST. It is a COMMAND.**

5. **Jesus-style, self-giving love is what we are to be KNOWN FOR. What are you known for?**

³⁶ "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." ³⁷ Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times. **John 13:18-38** ESV

6. **God knows we will FAIL him, and still loves us, believes in us and gently restores us. He does, however, call us back to loving him and following him. (John 21:15)**