

# When Our Friends Betray Us

*Psalm 55.1-23*

*the deep pain of betrayal vs 12-14*

*Jesus knew it John 13.21*

*he sympathises Heb 4.14-16*

*an instructional prayer vs1-2*

*a plea: don't ignore me Dt 22.1-4*

*Luke 10.31-32; 18.36-40*

1. How David was feeling, vs2-8

*restless - confused v2; Dt 7.23*

*pummelled - by suffering v3*

*in anguish - trembling v4*

*agitated - overwhelmed v5*

*he longed to escape from it all vs 6-8*

*it's easy to run, but rarely right*

## 2. Why David was feeling like this, vs9-14, 20-21

- **destructive forces were at work**  
**a grim picture of inner city life**  
**violence, strife, malice,**  
**abuse, threats, lies vs 9-11**  
**the fruit of wicked people**  
**with no fear of God vs15,19**  
**Jerusalem, the city of peace**  
**David, as king, was distraught**
- **personal betrayal by former friends**  
**fellow worshippers vs 12-14**  
**now total hypocrites vs 20-21**

## 3. How David prayed, vs9, 15-19

- **for his enemies vs 9,15**  
**confusion, as at Babel v9**  
**Gen 11.7; 2 Sam 15.31**  
**death, as for Korah rebels v15**  
**Num 16.1-33**  
**they were unrepentant, v19**

### 3. How David prayed, vs9, 15-19

➤ *for himself v16-19*

*continually v17; Dan 6.10*

*he had develop good habits*

*confidently v16-19*

*he knew God*

*as Sovereign and Saviour*

*he would emerge unharmed*

### 4. What David teaches us, vs22-23

➤ *cast your cares on the Lord v22*

*he will sustain us 1 Pet 5.7*

*Acts 18.9-10*

➤ *don't persist with evil v23*

➤ *trust in the Lord v23; 1 Pet 4.19*

*it's what Jesus did*