



Getting Real 2 #5
The Bitter Blessings of Betrayal, Ps. 55
By Louie Marsh, 7-16-2017

1) When in pain & confusion I must _____.

¹ Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy! ² Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan, ³ because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me. Psalm 55:1-3 (ESV)

2) I'll confess my desire to run away but will _____

⁴ My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me. ⁵ Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me. ⁶ And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; ⁷ yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah ⁸ I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest." Psalm 55:4-8 (ESV)

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city. ¹⁰ Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it; ¹¹ ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace. Psalm 55:9-11 (ESV)

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)

3) I must respond to bitter betrayal by _____.

¹² For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me— then I could hide from him. ¹³ But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. ¹⁴ We used to take sweet counsel together;

within God's house we walked in the throng. ¹⁵ Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart. Psalm 55:12-15 (ESV)

²⁰ My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant. ²¹ His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords. ²² Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:20-22 (ESV)

⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. Matthew 26:48-50 (ESV)

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 2 Timothy 4:16 (NIV)

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¹⁶ But I call to God, and the LORD will save me. ¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. ¹⁸ He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me. ¹⁹ God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, Selah because they do not change and do not fear God. Psalm 55:16-19 (ESV)

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