

THE BEREANS

ACTS 17:11

John 13:21-38

Lesson #47

The Betrayals

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John 13

Attachment

1-20
Jesus
washes feet

21-30
Judas'
betrayal

31-38
Peter's
denial

The call to
attachment

The tragedy of detachment

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John 13

Detachment

21-30
Judas' betrayal

31-38
Peter's denial

1st degree
(intentional decision)

*Judas' heart was cold
but he saw that Jesus
would die.*

2nd degree
(impulsive decision)

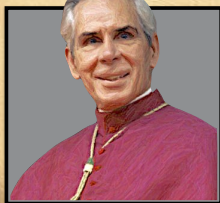
*Peter's heart was warm
but he did not see
the cross or its meaning.*

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Lessons

- It's better to have a warm heart that is confused than a cold heart that is doctrinally correct.
- False expectations will lead to shipwreck.
- Our understanding of the ministry of Jesus and the nature of his kingdom is critical.

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Fulton J. Sheen

"Of all the great religious leaders of history, Jesus is unique in that he alone came for the purpose of dying."

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Judas' betrayal predicted

John 13

"²¹ When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.' . . . ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore gestured to him, and said to him, 'Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking.' ²⁵ . . . 'That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him.' So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ And after the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Jesus therefore said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.' . . . ³⁰ And so after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night. ³¹ When therefore he had gone out, 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 will glorify Him immediately.'"

What we choose to listen to will shape our life script.

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- Judas' heart was first listening to Satan (13:2) and later yielded to Satan (13:27).

John 13:2

"During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray him."

John 13:27

"After the morsel, Satan then entered into him."

- Jesus' heart was first listening to the Father (12:27-28) and later yielding to the Father's will (13:31).

John 12

"²⁷ Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify Thy name." There came therefore a voice out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."

John 13:31

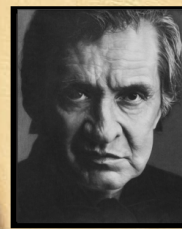
"Jesus said, 'Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him;'"

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Mark 4

"¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ And these are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately **Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.** ¹⁶ And in a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; ¹⁷ and they have **no firm root in themselves**, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, ¹⁹ and the worries of the world, and **the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word**, and it becomes unfruitful." ⁸

Johnny Cash



"Sometimes I am two people. Johnny is the nice one. Cash causes all the trouble. They fight and the one that I feed generally wins."

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Discerning discernment

1 Corinthians 3:3

"for you are still fleshly, For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men."

1.
Superficial spirituality.

- power gifts
- edification of self
- score keeping



- humble service
- love / community
- edification of others

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Discerning discernment

Matthew 23:24

"You blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."

2.
Major on majors, minor on minors.

- drinking alcohol
- politically pro choice
- supporting public education



- no fault divorce
- preaching a false gospel
- greed and pride

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Discerning discernment

Acts 17:23

"for while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an alter with the inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.'"

3.

Throw the baby out with the bath water.

- hate the sinner
- people are bad
- black and white



- hate the sin
- people do bad things
- gray

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Hegel
Nietzsche
Kierkegaard
Freud
Marx
Dostoyevsky

Tony Campolo

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Discerning discernment

2 Chronicles 7:14

"and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal **their land**."

4.

Covenant contexts.



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"All Scripture
is written **FOR** us
but not **TO** us
or **ABOUT** us."

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How to recognize who you are listening to.

- Monitor your **anger and anxiety** - what are the triggers?
- Do you maintain an **eternal perspective**?
- Are you choosing your close **friends** carefully?
- Are you **talking to and listening to God**?

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- Does the **Word of God** dwell in you richly?

Colossians 3

"¹⁶ Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

- ★ **Meditate** on the Scripture.
- ★ **Cultivate** a worshipping community.
- ★ **Spend more time searching the Scripture** than listening to the world.
- ★ **Major on majors**, minor on minors.

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Colossians 3

¹ If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, **not on the things that are on earth.**

Philippians 3

¹⁷ Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. ¹⁸ For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, **whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things.**

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Peter's denial predicted

John 13

³³ Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You shall seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, I now say to you also, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' . . . ³⁶ Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you shall follow later." ³⁷ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right 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, a cock shall not crow, until you deny Me three times."

A "sincere" confession may be tied to distorted expectations.

Satan can destroy faith or distort its expectations.

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Peter's false expectations

- Jesus would enter Jerusalem as a **reigning** king not a suffering sacrifice.
- Jesus' disciples would be set **free** from all suffering to reign with Jesus.
- The Kingdom of God would be **material, temporal, and immediate.**

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"To create despair you need hope."



Bane
Batman's foe in
"The Dark Knight"

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Satan
inspires
hope

in anything
and everything
but the true Christ.



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Common distortions

- God exists to make and keep me happy successful, and physically comfortable.
- God's blessings are most often material, temporal, and sensual.
- God anoints my circumstances not my heart's response to them.
- The kingdom is all about ME.

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