

Jesus Understands Broken Relationships

Matthew 26:14-16,20,21,34,35,47-50,56,69-75

Hard times will test any relationship. Physical suffering, financial pressures, misunderstandings, and many other issues can stretch even the closest bonds.

It's in the hard times when we really need someone to stand by us; yet it's in those same moments when loyalties can fade and commitments cool. That's exactly what Jesus faced as His earthly life drew to a close. His claim to be the Son of God had been bold. Religious leaders were angry and the heat of opposition grew intense. Commitments of some close to Him wavered.

Judas, who had been part of Jesus' inner circle, betrayed Him for a handful of silver. Peter, who swore he would never leave Jesus' side, hurled angry oaths at those who linked him with Jesus as Jesus stood trial. Ultimately, as pressure intensified, the worst-case scenario unfolded. Matthew 26:56 records that...

All the disciples deserted [Jesus] and fled.

Perhaps you've found yourself standing alone at a time when you most needed someone to be near you. That someone might have been a spouse, another family member, or a close friend. You may not even know what happened when the relationship shattered, or why the problem even erupted. Know that Jesus understands. He can relate to the confusion, loneliness, and pain of being abandoned. He knows about broken relationships. Because He knows, He can bring comfort and peace to fill the void in your heart. Just call out to Him in prayer today.

Describe a time when you felt abandoned in a relationship.

In what way can you find comfort in knowing that Jesus endured, too?