

Imagine how Jesus must have felt when He was betrayed by Judas, and then denied by Peter. In His teaching on the End Times, Jesus said that many will turn away from the faith, and will betray their friends who choose to remain faithful. (Matthew 24:10-11)

There are many examples of betrayal by friends in the Bible. Cain betrayed his brother Abel; Joseph was betrayed by his own brothers; Jacob betrayed his brother Esau. David recounted numerous instances of his friends turning against him. (Psalm 31:11; 38:11; 41:9; 55:12-13) It pays to choose your friends wisely, though even a wise choice doesn't guarantee loyalty. True friends are made for adversity (Proverbs 17:17), and there are friends who can be more loyal than family. (Proverbs 18:24) One way to cultivate true friendships is by being the kind of friend you desire to have. (Proverbs 18:24)

Give thanks each day that Jesus is your truest friend. (John 15:14-15)

Psalm 55:12-13 "For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; then I could hide from him. But it was you, a man my equal, my companion and my acquaintance."