

***Betrayal in Marriage:
Physical, emotional, perceived***

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Definition

Betray

- to fail or desert especially in time of need
- to deliver to an enemy by treachery
- to disclose in violation of confidence
- <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/betray>

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Definition

- The new Testament word is παραδίδομι, to **surrender or hand over (inappropriately)**. In the sense of “betray”, used almost exclusively in the New Testament to refer to Judas and his action of **betraying our Lord Jesus Christ**.

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The nature of Betrayal

- Betrayal presupposes an expectation of trust and then is a violation of that trust.
 - ⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. Psalm 41:9 (ESV)

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The damage of betrayal

- ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. Mark 3:25 (ESV)

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Observed types of betrayal in marriages range from serious to devastating.

- Gossip
- Slander
- Misuse of family finances or other resources
- Secretly redirecting finances
- Inappropriate clandestine behavior with the opposite sex.
- Adultery
- Sexual abuse of children
- Suicide

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Remedy

- Salvation Acts 2:37-39
- Repentance 2 Corinthians 7:10
- Victory found in forgiveness John 8:34-36

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Restoring Trust

Major responsibility of the Offender

- Confession leading to repentance
 - Repentance is indicated by consistent, changed behavior. Acts 26:19-20
 - Receive God's forgiveness
 - Romans 3:21-26

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Restoring Trust

Major responsibility of the Offended

- Deal with the matters of your own heart that surfaced during this challenging season of life.
 - ² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 (ESV)

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**Working Together to Restore Trust
2 Corinthians 2:1-11**

- Face and accept the consequences. 2:6
- Own and never discount the pain caused to others 2:4-5
- Avoid the temptation to push punishment to the point of despair. 2:7
- Reaffirm your love for the repentant person 2:8

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- Forgive 2:7
- Don't be driven by what other people may think of your response. Those who maintain a biblical stance will be in agreement. 2:10
- Realize the satan will always use any deviation from Scripture to divide and destroy. 2:11

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**A Testimony of God's Gracious
Restoration**

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