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Overcoming Betrayal

*When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him."
John 13:31*

Betrayal

Jesus was betrayed by Judas the night of the Last Supper. In some ways it was the most important night together for Jesus and the Twelve before He was

crucified. After that night they would never be together in the same way. One act contributing to the end of things as they knew them was the betrayal of Jesus by Judas which began right there at the Table. Jesus announces that one of them would betray Him and points out who it is by saying He will give that one a piece of bread. then He gives the bread to Judas! Jesus knew Judas would do it. Judas know that everyone else know he would do it. And he went ahead and did it. Have you had friends like that?

Jesus Reaction

As soon as Judas leaves the room to go to the soldiers to turn Jesus in Jesus says, "Now the Son of Man is glorified." When I read this I say, "What?!!" My tendency is to run from situations that invite betrayal. But, the One I follow did the opposite. On top of that said it ushered in the time of His own glorification.

Following Him

It is very easy for me to say, "Yeah, Jesus can do that because He is Jesus. On top of that, I am not." So, how do I follow Him. For starters, Jesus saw Judas in a way that we do not. He wants Judas to be redeemed, restored, and whole in every way. The first thing to do is to ask God to give you the view of the people who have betrayed you that He has. The second step is to be asking God what He would have you do now that you see them the way He sees them. Both of those steps come from the power of God and not our own power. God is pleased to give that to you. Lean on Him for that and see what happens.

Coming Attractions

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2014 worship at 6:00pm
 Good Friday, April 18, 2014 worship at 6:00pm
 Easter Day, April 20, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Hunger Awareness Week in Goochland

April 26 – May 3, 2014

Hunger does not take a vacation, yet food pantries' shelves are fairly empty at this time of the year and even more so in summer months. Seeing the need to feed over 1800 food-insecure Goochland residents, local food pantries are working together to launch a community-wide food drive. "Hunger Hurts. Goochland Gathers" runs Saturday, April 26 through Saturday, May 3, 2014. Nearly 75% of Goochland families in need, including nearly 500 children, often skip meals or eat less because of a lack of food. The goal is to collect 40,000 pounds of food that will help feed Goochland's hungry.

Please bring items to church with you between now and Sunday, May 4th.

Below is a list of most needed items:

Canned Items Dry Goods & Cooking Staples

Canned meat: pork, chicken, beef, tuna Spaghetti & Pasta

Beans Beans

Vegetables Rice

Fruits and fruit cocktail Flour

Soup Biscuit mix

Peanut Butter Cornbread mix
Cereal

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Tuckahoe Physical therapy that healing and wholeness would be experienced by every client

Metropolitan Richmond

For the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit.

Diocese of Virginia

For the congregations and clergy of Abingdon, White Marsh; Falls Church, Falls Church; Grace Alexandria; and Grace and Holy Trinity, Richmond that each would continually walk in the power of the resurrection.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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