



Sermon Notes
Sermon Title: Don't Play In My Face

Sermon Foundational Scripture: Matthew 26:20–25 (NIV) — **20** When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. **21** And while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” **22** They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean me, Lord?” **23** Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. **24** The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” **25** Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.”

Statements:

- ⇒ A Judas experience refers to inevitable relational situations where you get a revelation that someone was close enough to share your space but not safe enough to be trusted with your heart.
- ⇒ A season of contradiction is when divine activity and difficult reality coexist at the same time.
- ⇒ Seasons of contradiction are actually schools that God uses to teach trust. You only need trust when you don’t have answers.
- ⇒ Biblical guile is when you participate in deception through cunning silence which is knowing the truth but not speaking it, crafty pretense which is going along with a lie to avoid conflict, and strategic deception which is manipulating situations through withheld information.

Supporting Scriptures:

Matthew 5:39–42 (NIV) — **39** But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. **40** And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. **41** If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. **42** Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

John 13:21 (NIV) — **21** After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.”

John 13:27 (NIV) — **27** As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do quickly.”

Three Ways To Handle Betrayal:

1. **Culture’s Way: Reactive Revenge** - Cut them off, call them out, and get them back.
2. **Church’s Way: Passive Enabling** - "Be nice, pray harder, and pretend it didn't happen."
3. **King's Way: Strategic Strength** - "See clearly, respond wisely, and protect purposefully."

Why Jesus Engaged In Strategic Exposure:

- ⇒ He is establishing authenticity.
- ⇒ He is protecting the people he loves.
- ⇒ He is demonstrating discipline.

Three Ways Jesus Managed Betrayal:

1. Don't Misread the Situation.
2. Don't Mismanage Your Power.
3. Don't Mess With Your Mission.