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Finding God's Peace in the Difficulties of Life.
Betrayal and Forgiveness
An act of deliberate disloyalty. A violation or breaking of a trust, contract, or confidence between an individual, group or organization that someone or others place in a person, group or organization which is a total break from what was agreed upon earlier by both parties.
He has alienated my family from me; my acquaintances are completely estranged from me. My relatives have gone away; my closest friends have forgotten me. All my intimate friends detest me; those I love have turned against me.

Job 19:13–14, 19
For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him. 13 But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. 14 We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.
Psalm 41:9

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
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3. The only way to avoid being consumed by soul-destroying bitterness is to ask the Lord to give you an attitude of forgiveness.
Forgiveness

A commitment by the offended to pardon graciously the repentant from moral liability and to be reconciled to that person, although not all consequences are necessarily eliminated.
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2. What if this person/group/organization does ask for my forgiveness?
Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
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