

Dear Daphnee,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. In your question you said that Person A was betrayed by close friend Person B when he/she started dating Person C, the former boyfriend/girlfriend of Person A. You stated that Person B refuses to accept that what he/she did was wrong. You wanted to know if there is a scripture that talks about betraying friends and another that talks about not dating your friend's ex-boyfriend/girlfriend.

Unlike marriage, dating is a modern practice and did not exist in biblical times. Consequently, there are no scriptures regarding dating since it did not exist at the time. Children had little say as to whom they were to marry. Parents made those decisions for them.

In light of the information you gave us, we are not sure that Person B betrayed Person A by dating Person A's former boyfriend/girlfriend. The fact that the A/C dating relationship was over before Persons B and C started dating illustrates this point. What is of concern to Person A is that Person C's new friend is also an old friend of Person A. Person A may be experiencing some hurt feelings and jealousy, which is a natural human reaction, but should not be misconstrued as betrayal, providing Persons A and C had already broken up. Whatever the situation, rather than dwelling on the betrayal aspect, we would urge Person A as a Christian to let go of negative feelings and move forward in peace and forgiveness. Sometimes events that at first seem devastating actually are allowed by God to develop our characters and increase our faith. Romans 12:10-21 gives us good advice on the love Christians should have for each other as well as for those of a worldly disposition. "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. . . . Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. . . . Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live in peace with everyone. . . Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

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