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than when we are **EXPECTING** to be **SERVED**.

2. Jesus announces that His **BETRAYER** is in **THE ROOM**.

2 Life-Changing Truths:

John 13:18-30

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FORGIVENESS, we open it to the **DEVIL**.

(Reminder: There is no **RUNNING** from God,
just **ACCEPTANCE** or **REJECTION** of God.)

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Food for Thought for the Week of August 6, 2023

In the scene of the upper room, we saw how Jesus was completely in control despite all that was about to happen to Him. We all encounter times in our lives when we could use a reminder of God's sovereign control and faithfulness. Think of an area in your life right now where you may need this reminder. Read through the following verses and choose one to pray over that area this week.

Job 42:2 New International Version (NIV)

² "I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Romans 8:28 New International Version (NIV)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who^[a] have been called according to his purpose.

Colossians 1:15-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Deuteronomy 32:4 New International Version (NIV)

⁴ He is the Rock, his works are perfect,
and all his ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong,
upright and just is he.

Psalms 100:5 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

2 Timothy 2:13 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

Can you think of a time or situation where you saw the sovereignty of God at work in your life? Did you see any reminders of what these verses talk about?

Like Jesus, we may experience betrayal by someone who had been a longtime friend. Other times, like the disciples, we may feel blindsided by life events that are beyond our control. When that happens, what is the difference in your response when you remember what these verses tell us versus when you forget?

When in your life have you leaned into or depended on God's faithfulness the most? What did that experience teach you about God?