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Lesson 103: 2 Samuel 16:1-14 Everyone Has an Angle

Read Jeremiah 17:5-10. The Lord says that the man who does what is cursed? (two things) Why might relying on your strength make you turn your heart from God? What does verse 7 say a blessed man does? A tree with roots by a source of water would not fear what? Would the tree still face the heat? Will it be weakened by the heat? What does the Lord say the heart is? Where does God search? Once He has looked there, what does He give every man?

Read Philippians 1:15-18. Some preach Christ out of what? (Two opposite things)

What does Paul rejoice in above all here?

Paul rejoices that the TRUTH is spoken, whether it is for good intention or bad, the truth is the important part.

Read 2 Corinthians 11:3-4. What is Paul warning the Corinthian church against accepting here?

Again, we see that truth is the most important factor for Paul. False teachers were coming in and leading people with their skillful talk and pleasing arguments and the Corinthians were led astray because they more emphasis on charisma and fancy arguments than on truth.

Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-6. What type of weapons do we use?

What power do those weapons have?

What are we to line up our thoughts with?

Read Matthew 5:11. When are we blessed?

Read Genesis 2:1-3. What did God do on the seventh day?

Why did God make the seventh day holy?

Read Exodus 20:8-11. Why are we to remember the Sabbath? What shall we do for six days? What shall we do on the seventh day?

Read Mark 2:23-28. What question/issue did the Pharisees have with Jesus here?

What example did Jesus respond with? What does Jesus say the Sabbath was made for?

When does Jesus say the Son of Man (the Messiah) is still Lord?

Throughout these passages we see that truth is vital, even when it is taught for selfish motives. False teaching is deadly dangerous. We must take our thoughts captive and be sure that what we are being told/taught lines up with Scripture. As you spend time with God today, consider your need to discern where truth lies in your relationships today.

Remember who your enemy is: Satan. Not any one person or group of people, but, ultimately, this is a spiritual battle and Satan is our enemy. Ask God to help you to prepare for this battle through Bible Study and prayer time with Him. Ask Him to help you to have the rest that you need as well, and to know what to say "no" to so you can have that rest time. Ask Him to help you to know the difference between "me" time (self-focused) and "rest" and "renewal" time, so you can pour back into the people around you, and so you can accomplish whatever goal He has for you today and every day.