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Lesson 112: 2 Samuel 20:1-10 Trials and Assassinations

Read Psalm 25:11-15. For whose sake will God pardon our sin?

What relationship is promised to those who fear the Lord?

Read Proverbs 16:28. What might a "whisperer" be?

Why might one who whispers in this way separate close friends?

Have you ever been a "whisperer"?

Read Proverbs 17:9. One who repeats a wrong or offense separates whom?

Can you think of an example in your own life when this happened? Were you the "repeater", the one who committed the "offense", or the one who listened to the "repeater"?

Read Proverbs 18:24. Why might a man of many companions come to ruin?

Who is the friend that sticks closer than a brother?

Read Proverbs 22:24-25. Who are you not to make a friendship with? Why?

Read Proverbs 27:6. Why are the wounds given by a friend faithful?

Read John 15:12-17. Jesus expresses how it looks when we love each other as He has loved us. What relationship does Jesus tell us we have with Him? Why?

Read James 4:1-4. What is the cause of quarrels among believers? What does James say friendship with the world equates to?

As you come to God today, ask Him to help you to examine the friendships that you have in this world. Have you chosen your intimate relationships with those who will encourage and rebuke you when necessary, or have you chosen to have intimate relationships with those who will simply affirm your own wants and desires? Ask God to help you to see what kind of a friend *you* are. Are you a gossip? A friend who leaves at the first sight of trouble? Do your interactions more closely resemble the world, or do your interactions look like Jesus' instructions in John 15? Ask God to help you to see where your relationships need pruning, and, if it is you who needs to be changed, ask Him to prune you so that your friendship may be with Him, instead of with the world.