

Devotional

"INTERESTING"..."BELIEVE IT"....."NO"....."WAIT UNTIL I TELL YOU ABOUT".....

Been there....Done that..."But It was necessary to say".. ."No way".....

On and on it goes sometimes.....

Spreader or Victim? GOSSIP..... Proverbs 26:22, "The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts."

Talebearing, half-truths, disrespecting people, tearing down, forms of gossip that take place. Sometimes done without thinking about it. It makes a good story, BUT what happens - James 3: 9 , "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness."

Sometimes a person feels superior to others (money, education, heritage, experience, etc.) and gossip takes place putting down someone else.....

"I think it is ok to share", betraying a confidence, another type of gossip. Proverbs 11:13, "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret." This is a tough one sometimes when we want to share to sincerely help someone by talking to others.

Another type of gossip is warned about in Leviticus, 19:16, "Do not go about spreading slander among your people." A gossip fire can become widespread.

Have you been a victim? Have you been a gossip? We all have if we are alive. Future robots might be immune. With either being a victim or a gossip can come hurt, disappointment, broken relationships, and sometimes afterwards forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation. First John 1:9 reminds us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

We are all sinners saved by the grace of our loving and forgiving Lord. Do I hear an Amen? Realizing that grace, then do we go to the person we harmed with gossip and ask their forgiveness? Its tough to do but leads to a second Amen!

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