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Episode 101
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Topic: Building Friendships After Mistrust

Trust in God Concerning the Treachery of Friends

1Give ear to my prayer, O God,
And do not hide Yourself from my supplication.
2Attend to me, and hear me;
I am[c] restless in my complaint, and moan noisily,
3Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they bring down trouble upon me,
And in wrath they hate me.

4My heart is severely pained within me,
And the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
5Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me,
And horror has overwhelmed me.
6So I said, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove!
I would fly away and be at rest.
7Indeed, I would wander far off,
And remain in the wilderness. *Selah*
8I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm *and* tempest.”

9Destroy, O Lord, *and* divide their [d]tongues,
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
10Day and night they go around it on its walls;
Iniquity and trouble *are* also in the midst of it.
11Destruction *is* in its midst;
Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets.

12For *it is* not an enemy *who* reproaches me;
Then I could bear *it.*
Nor *is it* one *who* hates me who has exalted *himself* against me;
Then I could hide from him.
13But *it was* you, a man my equal,
My companion and my acquaintance.
14We took sweet counsel together,
And walked to the house of God in the throng.

15Let death seize them;
Let them go down alive into [e]hell,
For wickedness *is* in their dwellings *and* among them.

16As for me, I will call upon God,
And the LORD shall save me.
17Evening and morning and at noon
I will pray, and cry aloud,
And He shall hear my voice.
18He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me,
For there were many against me.

19God will hear, and afflict them,
Even He who abides from of old. *Selah*
Because they do not change,
Therefore they do not fear God.
20He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him;
He has broken his [f]covenant.
21*The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter,
But war *was* in his heart;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet they *were* drawn swords.
22Cast your burden on the LORD,
And He shall sustain you;
He shall never permit the righteous to be [g]moved.
23But You, O God, shall bring them down to the pit of destruction;
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days;
But I will trust in You.

1 Thess 5.11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Ecc 4.9Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Psalm 133.1How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

1 Peter 4.8-10 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Prov 17.17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Prov 13.20Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Prov 27.6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Prov 27.17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Prov 12.26 The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Job 16.20-21 My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; on behalf of a man he pleads with God as one pleads for a friend.