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TOPIC: “Your Two Best friends”

Good evening! Again, we are glad to be with you for Thursday evening Bible study. We will pray and get right into the lesson.

Notice the title of our lesson: “**Your Two Best friends**”.

Who are your **two best friends**? Your ride-and-die podners. The two that you *know* will be right by your side no matter what. Let me suggest who these two should be:

A. Your # 1 best friend ought to be God

1). **Proverbs 18:24**- A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a **friend** that sticketh **closer** than a brother.

B. You # 2 best friend ought to be you/yourself.

1). **Matthew 22:39b**- Thou shalt love thy neighbour as **thyself**.

You cannot adequately love somebody else, if you do not first love yourself.

Now, our problem is not with our **# 1 best friend, God**. Our problem is with our **# 2 best friend, ourselves**.

FIVE STAR SENTENCE: Sometimes we “**mistreat**” ourselves. We tend to “**bully**” ourselves.

QUESTION: If “you”, your 2nd best friend, should make a mistake, how do “you”, talk to “you”?

- **Three Ways to be Mean to Yourself**

1) **Miserable Monday-** This is **self-condemnation**. This is when *you* don't love *you*. We can also call this: **“Moment Misery”**. Most days you wake up, constantly beating yourself up. Feeling guilt and shame. There is not a more *miserable* way to live.

a). **Romans 8:1-** There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit

2). **Terrible Tomorrow-** Here we **“borrow”** from **“tomorrow”**. We believe and shout, *“My whole life is ruined. I have made a major mistake!”* We prophecy a negative future over ourselves.

a). **Romans 5:20b-** But where **sin** abounded, **grace** did much more abound:

God will do one of two things:

1). **Fix It-** He can turn your *situation* around.

2). **Fix You-** He can turn *you* around.

You may learn a hurtful yet valuable lesson; but you will be a better person.

3). **Paralyzing Past-** This is the old woulda, coulda, shoulda anthem. You're living in the past, trying to *unscramble scrambled eggs*. Here we are basically “living our yesterday” once again.

a). **Philippians 3:13-** Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this *one thing* I do, **forgetting** those things which are **behind**, and **reaching forth** unto those things which are **before**

So, what should you SAY to your **# 1 best friend**, and to **your # 2 best friend**, when your **# 2 friend** has made a mistake?

This is the key to overcoming any pride when we may have messed-up. Pride will destroy us, if we do not do the following in a timely fashion:

- **Three Words That Need to be a Part of Every Persons Vocabulary**

- 1). **The Prodigal Son**

- a). **Luke 15:21-** And the son said unto him, Father, **I have sinned** against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

- 2). **David**

- a). **II Samuel 19:20-** For thy servant doth know that **I have sinned**: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

- 3). **Job**

- a). **Job 7:20- I have sinned**; what shall I do unto thee, O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

- 4). **Micah**

- a). **Micah 7:9-** I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because **I have sinned** against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness.

- 5). **Achan**

- a). **Joshua 7:20-** And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed **I have sinned** against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

6). Balaam

a). **Numbers 22:34-** And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, **I have sinned;** for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.

7). Pharoah

a). **Exodus 9:27-** And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, **I have sinned** this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

8). Judas

a). **Matthew 27:4-** Saying, **I have sinned** in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

9). Nehemiah

a). **Nehemiah 1:6-** Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which **we have sinned** against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.