

## Relation-Slips

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- Success and busyness can make us       NEGLECT       God.

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2.       RELATIONAL             ISOLATION       - vs. 16-19; Proverbs 11:14; 27:6

- We need spiritual       SENTINELS       who lookout for what we don't see or want to admit. These voices provide wisdom, support, prayer, encouragement, and provoke us prophetically into God's plan.
- We all have pain, but God has the answer for all relational isolation:
  - 1) God's love is greater than any disappointment - Romans 8:9
  - 2) God will walk you through your pain if you let Him - Psalm 34:18
  - 3) God will allow you to feel restoration if you surrender your pain to Him - Psalm 147:3

#### Lesson 2:

Be intentional about engaging your brothers/sisters in       COMMUNITY      .

3.       GENERATIONAL             INDIFFERENCE       - vs. 19-23; 27:1-2; 28:1-3

#### Lesson 3:

Permit our paternal/maternal perspective to       TRANSFORM       your practice.

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