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## **We Don't Talk About Bruno -- Or Do We?**

By Isha L. Michel-- (Age 16)

*"Talking badly about someone else while they aren't there to defend themselves says more about you than the person you're talking about."*

- Unknown

Gossip: something that a lot of us are good friends with. It's a topic many of us don't really like to admit we struggle in. At least, I know personally that it's something I have to continue to remember *not* to do.

Some people ask, "What is gossip?"

Gossip is talking un-beneficially about someone behind their back. Ephesians 4:29 says, "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

We shouldn't talk about anyone unless it's for a good purpose or beneficial to their well-being. Psalms 34:13 is another helpful reminder, as it says: "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit."

Note that there is a difference between *gossip* and *venting*. If you are struggling with a person(s), it's actually *good* to talk about it to someone else, as long as it's for the purpose of making change or making it better. Overcoming gossiping habits is hard, but with God, it's definitely possible. Not everyone struggles with it, but some definitely do. "He who guards his mouth and his tongue, Guards his soul from troubles." (Proverbs 21:23)

(NASB version)

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## Standing Alone -- Part One

By Sarah Schumacher -- (Age 18)

*"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."*

- Isaiah 43:2

As Christians, our lives will often consist of standing alone. We may go through some really hard and horrible times, but we aren't ever really alone.

We may have people criticize us (even other believers), but we know that when we stand alone for God, He is right there standing next to us.

Hebrews 13:5 says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." God does not leave or forsake us. *Ever!*

Even when we wish we had the support of our family and friends, He tells us to be content with *only* Him. Because in the light of eternity, whose opinion will matter? It won't be our friends'. It will be the Lord's.

Remember, we are never completely humanly alone either, *there are other believers that stand with us!*

(Scripture is taken from KJV Bible version.)

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