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"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)

Woof, Woof! by Steve Higginbotham

Several years ago, I heard about a woman who would receive a phone call every night between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m. But these were no ordinary phone calls. You see, whenever she would pick up the phone, all she would hear was barking.

Well, after weeks of irritation, she finally had the phone company trace these aggravating calls. To her surprise, her mysterious caller was her neighbor. Apparently, the neighbor decided that every time he was awakened by her barking dog, he would do a little barking of his own.

So what do you think? Did he have a good idea? Did I just give some of you a plan of action? I mean, after all, he did get his point across. Well, you and I both know that this is not the way God wants us to settle our problems. Jesus said if you have a problem with someone, go to them and talk, not bark at them (Matthew 18:15). So maybe you're not barking. Maybe you're more conventional and simply hold a grudge, gossip, backbite, and try to get even. It doesn't matter. They're not the Lord's prescription for conflict and they're all just as wrong as "barking."

If you have a problem with someone. Don't get on the phone and "bark," get on the phone and talk.