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**The Proverbs Series: Where Our Heart Is Safe**

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**Proverbs 18:10-15** <sup>10</sup>The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. <sup>11</sup>A rich man's wealth is his fortified city; it is like a high wall in his imagination. <sup>12</sup>Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor. <sup>13</sup>He who answers a matter before he hears it— this is folly and disgrace to him. <sup>14</sup>The spirit of a man can endure his sickness, but who can survive a broken spirit? <sup>15</sup>The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks it out. (BSB)

Here are the details of each verse in our text for today.

1. God's name is a powerful place of **protection**. He is the uncreated one who is bound by His word and His character. V. 10
2. Wealth cannot protect us from bad things happening. Wealth gives a **false** sense of safety. V. 11
3. We must deal with our **pride** if we are going to be the people of God that He wants us to be. Humility is a key component of a heart that is in alignment with God's heart. V. 12
4. We must train ourselves to be good **listeners**. We must resist coming to conclusions before we have heard all the facts of a situation. V. 13
5. We must seek **healing** from God for past trauma. V. 14
6. We must be ever **learning**. Discernment is a skill that one acquires when they put God's word into action by doing what it says. V. 15

Let's spend some time praying through each verse.