



## *Relational Awareness ~ Lesson 7 ~ Responding to Abuse*

Here is a possible scenario that could play out when someone approaches you about a situation that may involve domestic abuse.

### **DK Role Play #1**

(preferably 2 women readers)

(Phone rings)

Confidant: Hello?

Victim: Hi, Susan? Can I talk to you really quick?

Confidant: Sure. What's going on?

Victim: Something happened last night and I don't really know what to do about it. I was hoping I could talk to you.

Confidant: Of course you can talk to me. What's wrong?

Victim: I got into an argument with my boyfriend yesterday. We've been dating for a few months, and he is a really nice guy, but he was... not himself yesterday. It really scared me and I don't know what to do or where to go.

Confidant: Are you okay?

Victim: Yes, yes, I'm fine. I just need to be away from him... let him cool off for a few days, you know? I just want someone else to know what's going on in case of, I don't know, just someone else to know.

Confidant: That relationship sounds really scary and I'm scared for you. It sounds like you need help. I know that my church has a program to help people in your situation. Do you mind if I give that information to you now?

Victim: Sure. Thanks.

Confidant: Here's the phone number of someone on the Domestic Kindness Action Team. I will call you in a few days to see how you're doing.

(Confidant will follow up with the victim to see if she has contacted someone for help.)