

Uh Oh at XYZ

Garrett works at XYZ, Inc. He's been with his company for about 5 years, mostly doing middle management positions. But he was recently told that he was one of a couple of people in line for a promotion to upper management. The new position would bring new responsibilities that are exactly why he joined XYZ.

Garrett's main rival for the promotion is Harry. Harry's an okay person, kind of a loner. Garrett didn't have any problem with him, but they aren't particularly close. Their boss said something about deciding the promotion in the next week, so Garrett has set his mind toward doing everything he can to demonstrate why he's the best person for the job.

A few days before the promotion announcement, Garrett walked by Harry's office. Harry's door was cracked, and Garrett heard him saying something on the phone. Garrett couldn't tell exactly what it was, and he couldn't tell if Harry sounded angry or desperate. Or both. Garrett heard Harry say the name of the company's biggest client and something else in a tone of voice that almost sounded like pleading. Then it seemed like the person on the other end of the phone hung up. Harry said his name a few more times and then put down the phone. Garrett walked down the hall wondering what had happened.

The next day, the company was all abuzz. The biggest client had canceled their business with no explanation. The CEO was talking about laying a few people off although Garrett's supervisor told his department that they shouldn't be affected. Everyone was wondering who screwed up with this client so much that they walked. At lunch, Garrett walked by the breakroom where three of his coworkers were talking. "Hey Garrett, you weren't the one that lost that account, were you?" "Whew man, if they knew who messed this up, that guy would be gone for sure!" Based on what he heard from outside Harry's door, Garrett suspected that Harry was probably the one who messed up with the client. He worried that, if Harry couldn't keep this client, how could he handle the promotion if it went his way. Would the company suffer if Harry was picked for the promotion?

What should Garrett do?

Would it be gossip to tell his coworkers what he heard?
Should he tell his supervisor? Why or why not?

As a Christian, how can Garrett best honor God in this circumstance?