

WELCOME TO HAVEN

October 24, 2021

Welcome

Worship Songs

"Only King Forever"

"Run to the Father"

Scripture for Today

Romans 14:10, 12-13 (NLT)

Prayer

Message

"Relationship Vampires: Critical Suckers"

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

"Build My Life"

*Closing



RELATIONSHIP VAMPIRES

DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO SUCK THE LIFE RIGHT OUT OF YOU

“To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.”

- Aristotle

HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO CRITICAL PEOPLE?

1. Often, you _____ respond

“When they hurled their insults at him [Jesus], he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”

– 1 Peter 2:23

“A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense.”

– Proverbs 19:11

2. Sometimes, you respond _____

“Now the Ephraimites asked Gideon, “Why have you treated us like this? Why didn’t you call us when you went to fight Midian?” And they challenged him vigorously. ² But he answered them ...”

– Judges 8:1-2

“... When the men of Ephraim heard Gideon’s answer, their anger subsided.”

– Judges 8:3 (NLT)

3. Occasionally, you _____ & make a _____

“If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. ³² If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself ...”

– Proverbs 15:31-32 (NLT)

4. Always, work to _____ your _____

“Some people make cutting remarks, but the words of the wise bring healing.”

– Proverbs 12:18 (NLT)

“So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ... ¹² Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. ¹³ So let’s stop condemning each other. ...”

– Romans 14:10, 12-13 (NLT)