

WELCOME TO HAVEN

Welcome

Worship Songs

"House of the Lord"

"Glorious Day"

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Matthew 16:21-24 (NIV)

Message

"Relationship Vampires: Manipula"

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

"Run to the Father"

**Closing*



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Relationship Vampires

DEALING WITH PEOPLE WHO SUCK THE LIFE RIGHT OUT OF YOU



MANIPULA'S TWO GREATEST WEAPONS

- _____ & _____

"Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ *Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."* ²⁴ *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

– Matthew 16:22-24

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

- Know _____ you are _____ to do.

- Know when someone is trying to _____ you.

- Know when to draw a _____ in the _____

"Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." – Matthew 16:23

- The relationships you have are a combination of what you've _____ & _____
- If you don't like what you have, change what you _____ & what you _____

BREAKING MANIPULA'S POWER

- Again, recognize when someone is trying to _____ you

"...Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem...and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" " – Matthew 16:21-22

- Refuse to let it _____ on you

"Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." – Matthew 16:21-23 (ESV)

- _____ the relationship

"Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." – John 21:16

"Obviously, I'm not trying to be a people pleaser! No, I am trying to please God. If I were still trying to please people, I would not be Christ's servant." – Galatians 1:10 (NLT)