

Dealing with Manipulative People

- **JACOB MANIPULATED _____**. Gen. 25:29-34
- **WOMEN MANIPULATED _____**. Mark 6:21-26
- **DELILAH MANIPULATED _____**. Judg 16:15-16

Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me?...16 With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death." Judg 16:15-16

MANIPULATORS' GREATEST WEAPONS:

- _____:
 - If you want to work here, you'll do this.
 - If you don't do this, I'm leaving you.
 - If you don't tell me, I'm hanging up.
 - If you don't pay more attention to me, I'm taking you out of my will.
- _____:
 - If you love me, you'd do what I ask.
 - After all I've done for you; you won't do this one thing.
 - Silent treatment: I'm not talking to you right now.
 - Thought we were close; obviously I can't count on you.
 - If you don't do this, you're not good Christian.
 - If you don't meet my needs, I'll find another way to get them met.

BREAKING THE POWER OF MANIPULATION

1) **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. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Matt 16:21-22

Peter took Jesus aside – manipulators lose power in groups.

Peter didn't mean any harm – just wanted his plan for Jesus' life.

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE BEING MANIPULATED?

- **You can't say "_____"** to a certain person.
- **You always feel _____.** (can't have any fun, exclusive loyalty)
- **You feel ultimately _____.** (fear letting down)
- **You compromise your _____ to please others.** (sexual)

2) **THIS IS NOT GOING TO _____ ON ME.**

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." Matt 16:21-23

- **If someone else has control, you are committing the sin of _____.**

3) _____ **THE RELATIONSHIP.**

Jesus allowed Peter to fail

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

"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."

Galatians 1:10

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HEY JOE! YADA YADA... YOU SHOULD REALLY THINK ABOUT A NEW CAREER... YADA YADA... YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE MORE LIKE ME... YADA YADA... DO THESE PANTS MAKE ME LOOK FAT... YADA YADA... DID YOU SEE THAT REALLY HOT CHICK IN CHURCH SUNDAY... YADA YADA... MAN I HATE THAT GUY... YADA YADA... DON'T TELL HIM I SAID THAT... YADA YADA... DO YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT ME WHEN I'M NOT AROUND...



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