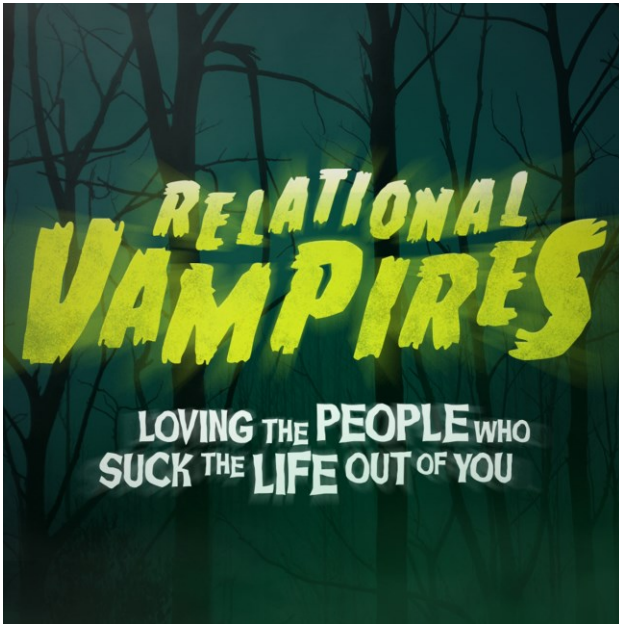


Relational Vampires

Part 6:
Escaping the People-Pleaser Trap



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"It is a dangerous trap to be concerned with what others think of you. But if you trust in the Lord, you are safe." (Proverbs 29:25)

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2)

Jesus: "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free."
(John 8:32)

Five Facts That Will Set You Free

1. Even God can't _____ everybody!

Jesus: "Woe to you when all men speak well of you!" (Luke 6:26)

Key Discovery: Only a fool would try to do what God can't do!

2. I don't need _____ to be happy!

Jesus: "Your approval or disapproval means nothing to Me." (John 5:41)

"Even if my father and mother reject me, the Lord will hold me close." (Psalm 27:10)

Key Discovery: Your Father in Heaven already approves of you just the way you are.

3. What seems important now is _____ .

"The things that are highly valued by people are worth nothing in God's sight." (Luke 16:15)

Key Discovery: Maturity is when I realize that everything I think is important ... isn't.

Don't let Satan switch the price tags in life.

4. I only have to please _____ .

Jesus: "I don't try to please Myself, but I only please the One who sent Me." (John 5: 30)

Saint Paul: "I'm not trying to be a people pleaser! No, I'm trying to please God." (Galatians 1: 10)

Key Discovery: Live for an audience of one.

5. God made me _____ !

"Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good..." (Romans 12: 2)

Key Discovery: When you get to heaven, God will ask, "Did you become what I created you to become?"

Next Week

Finding the Love of Your Life

Relational Vampires – Part 7