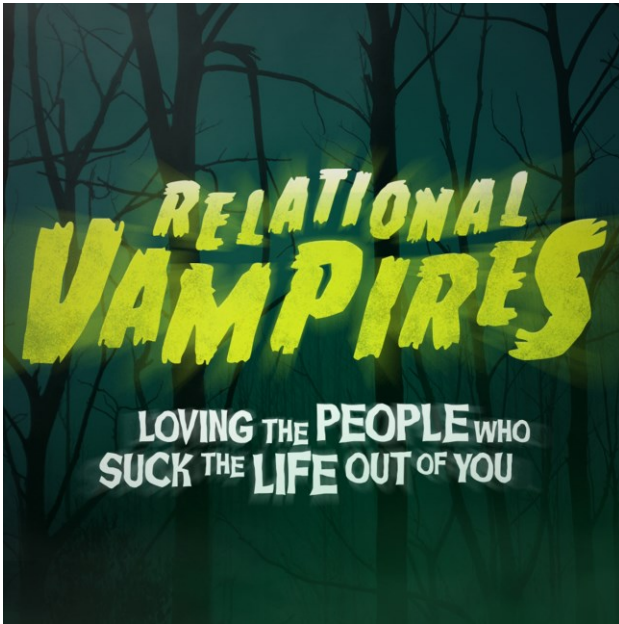


Relational Vampires

Part 9: Religious Vampires



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Religious Vampires

Four Types of Toxic Christians

1. _____ Jane.

Jesus: "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way that you judge others, you will be judged. And with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." (Matt. 7:1-2)

2. _____ Dan.

Jesus: "They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden." (Matthew 23:4)

3. _____ **Phyllis.**

“They offer superficial treatments for my people’s mortal wound.”
(Jeremiah 6: 14)

4. _____ **Hal.**

“Don’t get caught up with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense ... rather, focus on Christ.” (Colossians 2:8)

**The solution for religious vampires:
More Jesus, Less Religion.**

What are the characteristics of a Jesus-style faith?

1. It's _____

Jesus: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37)

2. It's _____

"Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith ..." (Hebrews 12:2)

Next Week

**Keeping the Crazy-Makers
From Making You Crazy!**

Relational Vampires – Part 10 (Conclusion)