SETTING BOUNDARIES

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BOUNDARIES: The chosen set of behaviors that I will and will not accept from others.

"They load you with impossible demands that they themselves don't even try to keep." (Matthew 23:4, The Living Bible)

Signs of Boundary Intruders:

- DISCOMFORT
- DISADVANTAGED
- DISEMPOWERED
- <u>DISPROPORTIONATE</u>

5 WAYS TO SET HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

1. Believe that you **DESERVE** them.

"Christ has set us free! This means we are really free. Now hold on to your freedom and don't ever become slaves..." (Galatians 5:1, CEV)

"Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And do everything with love." (1 Corinthians 16:13–14, NLT)

2. Learn to love without RESCUING.

"Hot-tempered people must pay the penalty. If you rescue them once, you will have to do it again." (Proverbs 19:19, NLT)

"For we are each responsible for our own conduct." (Galatians 6:5, NLT)

"Discipline your children while there is hope. Otherwise you will ruin their lives." (Proverbs 19:18, NLT)

3. Care enough to **CONFRONT** boundary invasions.

"Speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ..." (Ephesians 4:15, NLT)

"Stop lying to each other; tell the truth, for we are parts of each other and when we lie to each other we are hurting ourselves." (Ephesians 4:25, The Living Bible)

4. **PROTECT** yourself.

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." (Proverbs 4:23, NLT)

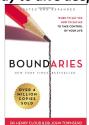
- Emotions
- Ideas
- Physical
- Relational
- Time

"Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one." (Matthew 5:37, NLT)

5. RINSE AND REPEAT!

"And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." (Galatians 6:9, The Living Bible)

Ready to dive deeper?



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