

# Road Signs for Relationships

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## “No Parking: Setting and Respecting Relational Boundaries”

“Boundaries are the lines we draw around our lives to keep us safe, healthy, and effective.”

Five things boundaries do for us:

Boundaries allow us to \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Boundaries give us back \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

Boundaries keep us from becoming \_\_\_\_\_.

Boundaries help us do things for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Boundaries keep us from becoming \_\_\_\_\_.

Remind yourself that \_\_\_\_\_ had boundaries!

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. – Luke 5:15-16 (NIV)

When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself. – John 6:15 (NLT)

Set boundaries in relationships \_\_\_\_\_.

Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.”

– Mark 8:34-35 (NLT)

The Hard Truth: Every day of our lives, we TRAIN people in what we expect and what is acceptable.

The hardest part of boundaries is SETTING them.  
The second hardest is ENFORCING them!

When a boundary you have is crossed, don’t \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_; have a \_\_\_\_\_!

“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

– Matthew 18:15 (NLT)

Don’t write people off until you’ve done everything you can to write them IN!