

# THOSE “MANIPULATING” PEOPLE

## THOSE PEOPLE, PART 2

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- **Two women manipulated Herod.** Mark 6:21-28
- **Jacob manipulated Esau.** Genesis 25:29-34
- **Delilah manipulated Samson.** Judges 16:15-19

*Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when you won't confide in me? This is the third time you have made a fool of me and haven't told me the secret of your great strength." With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was tired to death.*

Judges 16:15-16

### Common Tactics Of Manipulators

- Flattery
- Threats
- Guilt

### BREAKING THE POWER OF MANIPULATION

1) God, Help Me Recognize When Someone Is  
Trying To \_\_\_\_\_ Me.

*From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"*

Matthew 16:21-22

How do you know if you're being manipulated?

- You often feel guilty and find it hard to say "no."
- You compromise your values to please others.

2) God, Empower Me To Put Healthy  
\_\_\_\_\_ In Place.

*Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."*

Matthew 16:23

3) God, Help Me See My Own Need To Control,  
And Surrender \_\_\_\_\_ To You.

*You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.*

Isaiah 26:3-4 NLT

For Discussion

- Share a time when you realized you were being manipulated. How did you respond?
- Where in your life are you not fully surrendered to God? What steps will you take to surrender to Him this week?
- What healthy boundaries do you need to establish to help you break free from the power of manipulation?

\* All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted