



DIFFICULT PEOPLE – 2 OF 4

Needy People

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EMOTIONAL VAMPIRES

- Incurably **insecure**
- Drama **queens**
- **Blabbers**
- Financial **freeloaders**

THE TENSION

³⁶But when He (Jesus) saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. --Matthew 9:36 NKJV

moved with compassion: *splagchnon* (splangkh'-non); from the intestines or bowels; sympathy; inward affection, tender mercy.

- JESUS **CARED** MORE THAN ANYONE WHO HAS EVER LIVED.
- JESUS DID NOT **HEAL** EVERYONE OR GRANT EVERY **REQUEST**.

HELPING WITHOUT ENABLING

1) OFFER WHAT THEY **NEED**, NOT WHAT THEY **WANT**.

⁶Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up... --Acts 3:6-7 NIV

- Identify the real **need**.
- Pay attention to **actions**, not **words**.

2) SET HEALTHY **BOUNDARIES**.

³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.

³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for Him, ³⁷and when they found Him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for You!"
--Mark 1:35-37 NIV

- **Time** boundaries
- **Resource** boundaries

3) ALLOW THEM TO FACE THEIR **CONSEQUENCES**.

⁷Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. ⁸Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. --Galatians 6:7-8 NLT

- Rescuing isn't always **helping**.
- Jesus is the Savior, not **you**.