



DIFFICULT PEOPLE – 3 OF 4 Manipulative People June 18, 2017

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF MANIPULATION

1. JACOB MANIPULATED **ESAU** Genesis 25:29-34
2. WOMEN MANIPULATED **HEROD** Mark 6:21-26
3. DELILAH MANIPULATED **SAMSON** Judges 16:15-16

MANIPULATORS' GREATEST WEAPONS

1. **THREATS**
2. **GUILT**

BREAKING THE POWER OF MANIPULATION

1. **RECOGNIZE WHEN SOMEONE IS TRYING TO CONTROL YOU.**

²¹From 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, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke Him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to You!" --Matthew 16:21-22 NIV

- Manipulators lose power in groups. Some do it unintentionally. Peter didn't mean any harm, but just wanted his plan for Jesus' life.

2. **VERBALIZE AND SHOW THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO WORK ON ME.**

²³Jesus 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 NIV

3. **REDEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP.**

Jesus allowed Peter to fail

¹⁶Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of My sheep." --John 21:16 NIV

¹⁰Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant. --Galatians 1:10 NLT

MANIPULATORS ARE NOT NECESSARILY **BAD PEOPLE**, THEY ARE JUST DRIVEN BY **FEAR!**

CHOOSE **FAITH** OVER **FEAR!**