RELATIONAL VAMPIRES—3
NEEDY PEOPLE

HOW DO WE HELP WITHOUT HURTING?

1) WE <u>GIVE</u> STRATEGICALLY.

When he saw Peter and John about to enter, <u>he asked them for money</u>. [4] Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" [5] So the man gave them his attention, <u>expecting to get something from them</u>. Acts 3:3-5

Then 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." [7] Taking him by the right hand, <u>he helped him up</u>, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. Acts 3:6-7

2) WE <u>SERVE</u> WISELY.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off <u>to a solitary place</u>, <u>where he prayed</u>. [36] Simon and his companions went to look for him, [37] and when they found him, they exclaimed: "<u>Everyone is looking for you</u>!" Mark 1:35-37

- **You can't say "<u>yes</u>" often if you don't say "<u>no</u>" occasionally.**

3) WE <u>TRUST</u> COMPLETELY.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. <u>A man reaps what he sows</u>. [8] Whoever sows to please their flesh, <u>from the flesh will reap destruction</u>; whoever sows to please the Spirit, <u>from the Spirit will reap eternal life</u>. Galatians 6:7-8

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay. Psalm 70:5

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Talk It Over

· Who are a few of the most life-giving people you know? What makes them different?

· We all experience some kind of need. Which area of your life is most impoverished?

· What do you need to change to better love people who have needs? What actions will you take to trust God with your needs?

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