

NO TO PEOPLE PLEASING

- People pleasing = we are living out of our <u>perception</u> instead of our purpose.
- · Reality is we can't please everyone.

"10Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

(Gal. 1:10)

- 3 main tactics people use to control
 - Flattery
 - Threats
 - ∘ <u>Guilt</u>

"Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" 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."24Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matt. 16:22-24)

- How was Jesus able to say no even when pressured?
 - 1) He clearly knew what He was <u>called to do</u>.
 - Calling clarifies.
 - You can't be <u>controlled</u> without your <u>consent</u>.





- 2) Know why they are trying to *control* you.
 - When we don't understand <u>God's plan</u>, we try to enact our <u>own</u> plan.
- 3) We have to know when to draw a line in the sand.
 - <u>Boundaries</u> are a way of letting people know where your <u>no's</u> are.
 - Every relationship is a combination of what we've <u>created</u> and what we've <u>allowed</u>.
 - If we want things to be different we have to change what we <u>expect</u> and what we are willing to <u>accept</u>.

"23When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

(1 pet. 2:23)

- Jesus doesn't <u>explain</u>; He quietly <u>entrusts</u>.
- Jesus was not living for <u>approval</u>. he was living from the approval of His <u>Father</u>.