

Road Signs For Relationships Part VII; June 4, 2017

“No Parking: Setting and Respecting Boundaries”

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. **But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.** – Luke 5:15-16 (NIV)

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, “Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!” **When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.** – John 6:14-15 (NLT)

“Boundaries are the lines we draw around our lives to keep us safe, healthy, and effective.”

When we don't have good boundaries...

We constantly feel taken advantage of.

We set other people up for relational failure with us.

We are often frustrated by our lack of accomplishment.

We are poor stewards of God's investment in us.

We enable and encourage unhealthy behavior in others.

If you don't draw boundaries with others,
they will **draw their own!**

“Good fences make good neighbors!” – Robert Frost

The **closer** the relationship
the more **clear** boundaries need to be.

“An honest answer is like a kiss of friendship.”
– Proverbs 24:26 (NLT)

When a boundary you have is crossed,
don't **complain, confront!**

“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.
– Matthew 18:15 (NLT)

The hardest part of boundaries is SETTING them.
The second hardest is ENFORCING them!

Don't use “boundaries” as an excuse
to be **selfish, rude, or lazy!**

There's a difference between
having good boundaries and being a jerk.

Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.
– Romans 12:17-18 (NLT)