

Fixing the Fence: Addressing Relational Boundary Challenges

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Navigating Emotionally Healthy Relationships (part 9)

#### **Review:**

Discernment & Ability to	
SAY <u>NO</u>	HEAR <u>NO</u>
(Responsible behavior)	(Respectful behavior)
SAY <u>YES</u>	HEAR <u>YES</u>
(Flexible behavior)	(Interdependent behavior)

# What do unhealthy boundaries look like?

Unhealthy Boundaries: When one	
cannot SAY <u>NO</u>	cannot HEAR NO
Compliant behavior	Controlling Behavior
<ul> <li>Opposite of responsible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Opposite of respectful</li> </ul>
behavior	behavior
<ul><li>Feels guilty and/or is</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Aggressively or</li> </ul>
controlled by others; can't set	manipulatively violates
boundaries	boundaries of others
cannot SAY YES	cannot HEAR YES
Nonresponsive Behavior	Avoidant Behavior
<ul> <li>Opposite of flexible behavior</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Opposite of interdependent</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Sets boundaries against</li> </ul>	behavior
responsibility to love	<ul> <li>Sets boundaries against</li> </ul>
	receiving care of others

<sup>•</sup> Boundaries by Henry Cloud & John Townsend

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# Non-responsive Behavior

Principle of Selflessness

# **™** Compliant Behavior

- Principle of Responsibility
- Principle of Sowing & Reaping

### **™** Controlling Behavior

- Principle of Respect
- Principle of Power & Change

#### **Avoidant Behavior**

• Principle of Healthy Interdependence

#### **Conclusion**