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EPISODE GUIDE

EPISODE 27:

Some People Will DRAIN You Dry (And Never Say Thank You)

Every one of us has limited resources. Limited time, energy, patience, and capacity. So who we pour into matters, and some relationships fill us back up while others drain us completely.

In this third episode of the Detox series, Apostle Raley names the taker: the person who takes and takes, and when there is nothing left, wonders why you ran out. Here is the truth: you were not made to be drained. You were made to be filled and to overflow.

YOU HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES

Every one of us has limited resources. Limited time, energy, patience, and capacity. Because they are limited, who you pour into shapes the trajectory of your life.

Some relationships fill you back up and some drain you completely. Wisdom protects the finite, precious resources God has entrusted to you.

WHEN TAKERS GIVE, THEY GIVE TO TAKE

Genesis 3

In the Garden the serpent seemed to give Eve conversation, attention, and counsel. But he was not giving at all. He was taking influence, purpose, and control.

When toxic people give, they give with strings attached. The giving is a setup for the taking, and the taking is always about control.

ENTITLED, NOT GRATEFUL

Takers feel entitled to your time, energy, and attention rather than grateful for it. Two words go almost entirely missing from their vocabulary: thank you.

A toxic taker does not regret taking from you. They regret not taking more. They drain you dry and then wonder why there is nothing left.

LOVE, NOT ACQUISITION

1 Corinthians 16:14

"Let all you do be done in love."

Everything in a wholesome relationship is done in love. But the taker's motivation is not love, it is acquisition.

That is why you feel so tired after certain people. Your spirit recognizes a drain that your loyalty has not been ready to name. Name it.

A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES

Proverbs 17:17

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

Toxic people can be physically present and completely absent, available only when it serves them and offline when the need is yours.

Trouble reveals your real relationships and separates them from the fake ones. Who showed up when the trouble came? That is your answer.

BE THE FRIEND YOU WISH YOU HAD

Stop giving from depletion, readjust your expectations to match what is real, and invest in relationships where the giving goes both ways.

Then become the all-times friend for someone else. Let the detox produce not just cleansing but character.

THIS WEEK'S MOMENT

This week's Moment is a Unity challenge. Steward your relationships with wisdom, and invest in the ones that are mutual and life-giving.

Ask:

- Which relationships consistently leave me depleted?
- Where have I been giving from empty instead of overflow?
- Who showed up the last time I was in trouble?

Then:

- Name one relationship that only takes
- Stop giving at the expense of your own health
- Readjust your expectations to match what is real
- Invest in one mutual, life-giving relationship this week
- Hold a pattern accountable, with love, not punishment
- Be the all-times friend to someone who needs one

Pray:

"Father, thank You for the time, energy, and love You have entrusted to me. Give me wisdom to steward it well, courage to stop feeding what only drains me, and grace to invest in what is mutual and life-giving. Help me be the friend I have needed, and remind me that You see what I have given and You are not finished. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Remember:

- My resources are limited, and I will steward them wisely.
- I will not give takers power over my life.
- I am worthy of mutual, life-giving relationships.
- I will hold people accountable with love.
- God sees what I have given, and He is not finished.
- As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.