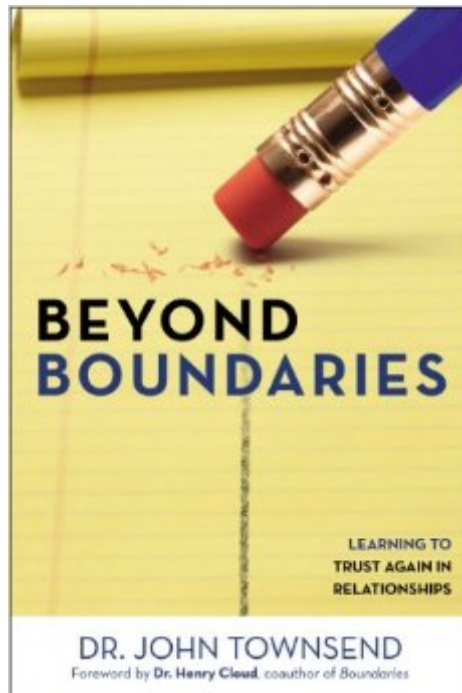


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# Beyond Boundaries: Learning To Trust Again In Relationships



## Synopsis

How do you know you're ready to trust again | and what does it take to be ready? Painful relationships violate our trust, causing us to close our hearts. But to experience the freedom and love God designed us for, we eventually have to take another risk. In this breakthrough book, bestselling author Dr. John Townsend takes you beyond the pain of the past to discover how to re-enter a life of intimate relationships. Whether you're trying to restore a current relationship or begin a new one, Townsend gives practical tools for establishing trust and finding the intimacy you long for. Beyond Boundaries will help you: Reinstatate closeness appropriately with someone who broke your trust Discern when true change has occurred Reestablish appropriate connections in strained relationships Create a safe environment that helps you trust Restore former relationships to a healthy dynamic Learn to engage and be vulnerable in a new relationship as well You can move past relational pain to trust again. Beyond Boundaries will show you how.

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Sometimes you think you have to settle for less in your relationships. "If you don't want to settle in your relational life, this book is for you," says author Dr. John Townsend. You are meant to have deep, meaningful and positive relationships. Cloud and Townsend wrote Boundaries two decades ago to help people in troubled relationships. Now Townsend wants to help you identify and grow from whatever went wrong in the relationship. He wants to help you determine if someone is worthy of your trust again. In part 1 of the book we see how trust is broken in the first place, what happens to the person on the receiving end and to the relationship. We see the role of healthy boundaries

and what happens when we feel the desire for a new relationship or try again with the present one. People in healthy relationships live longer and have fewer health issues. We are also made for deep relationships. Trust is essential. It is freeing. Yet we may be vulnerable to deception. When it happens, we lose trust. Hurt, guilt and withdrawal result. Boundaries and what they accomplish are reviewed. Often a boundary will cause the reemergence of desire. Townsend explains healthy and unhealthy responses to such desires. Part 2 addresses knowing when you're ready to open up again. Relational wounds need to heal so we can carry on with life again. Friends help. Counseling may be necessary. Townsend helps us review the painful relationship and gain insight from it. He writes, "My goal for you is that you will be enlightened and empowered to choose people who are both good and good for you." Grieving is essential for moving on. "Grief is what enables you to fully let go. It frees you, it clears your mind, and it helps heal the injuries. You must grieve what was.

Here is a book for those who have already "set boundaries" for themselves -- who have learned to overcome destructive and codependent behavior at least in part -- and who want to reconnect with others. You may know how to "stay away" from hurt and pain, how to put up the protective walls when necessary. But what's not so clear, sometimes, is how to let people back in AFTER you've been wounded. That's a whole other process, one that can be even more difficult than learning to set boundaries in the first place. But it's absolutely essential to forming the deep relationships without which we are barely even human. This book charts a path out of the "walled city." Check out the table of contents -- in itself, it's almost a primer in forging new relationships.

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4. The Return of Desire  
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8. You Grieve and Let It Go  
9. You Develop Growth Friendships  
10. You Trust Your Defining Boundaries  
11. You Let Your Values Transform Your Desires  
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