

*Those who won't leave, can't cleave*

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Life is filled with transitions ... things begin and things end. Often when we arrive at one destination we find it is merely the departure point for our next great adventure. Sometimes God sends us down a particular road to get to the end of that road while at other times He may lead us down a road to get to the fork in the road. In either case, transitions require bold decisions and fresh commitments.

Sometimes life requires us to fully let go of one thing before we can get hold of another. Letting go of the past does not always equal letting go of the people of the past. Many times, it simply requires us to release the past by forgiving hurts, disappointments, and failures. However, there are moments which may require us to fully separate ourselves from an individual or group before we can fully embrace the new day God wants for us. Leaving is seldom easy but often necessary before cleaving is possible.

*Prayer for Today*

Lord, I understand that I must let go of some things to take a hold of others. Show me how. I want to please You more than anything or anyone else. Give me the wisdom to discern what needs to change in my thinking and in my life. I will follow Your wisdom.

*Scriptures for Today*

Ephesians 4:22-24 That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. (NKJV)

Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (NKJV)

Matthew 19:5 And said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." (NKJV)