

Victory Connect Lesson
Necessary Endings
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1. It is time to put away selfish demands of the past. 1Co 13:11 KJV - When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

2. The children of Israel were led by the Lord to leave the past behind. Jos 3:3 KJV - And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.

3. The Holy Spirit wants to remove from us the former things which are not from Him. Rom 2:29 KJV - But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God.

4. Sometimes it is painful to leave the past behind. Jos 5:2 KJV - At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time.

5. Our Father will remove what is unfruitful from our lives. Jhn 15:2 KJV - Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every [branch] that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

6. Those who purge themselves become useful to God. 2Ti 2:21 KJV - If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work.

Discussion Questions:

1. Has it ever pained you to leave the past behind?
2. Name one thing of the past you felt led to “put away?”
3. Share a time God gave you a new beginning?

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