

WHEN GOD REMOVES PEOPLE

DAY ONE —

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”

One of the hardest truths we learn in life is this:

Not everyone who enters our life is meant to stay forever.

When we love someone, we naturally picture them in our future. We make plans, build memories, and trust them with pieces of our heart.

Then something changes.

Sometimes there's an argument or betrayal. Sometimes life simply pulls people in different directions. And sometimes there's no big ending at all. The calls become less frequent, the conversations get shorter, and someone who was once part of your everyday life slowly becomes a stranger.

That's when we start asking:

What happened? Did I do something wrong? Why did God allow them to leave?

Ecclesiastes reminds us that life happens in seasons. We understand that when we look at nature. Summer doesn't last forever. Leaves fall. Winter comes. Then eventually something new begins to grow.

Relationships can have seasons too.

Some people walk with us for decades. Others may only be part of one chapter. That doesn't mean the relationship didn't matter.

Something doesn't have to last forever to have been important.

God can use people during particular seasons of our lives. Someone may encourage us when we're struggling, teach us something we need to learn, or help us discover something about ourselves.

Even painful relationships can teach us about forgiveness, boundaries, discernment, and what we will—or will not—accept going forward.

The difficult part is letting go.

We reread messages. Look at old pictures. Replay conversations. Wonder what we could have done differently.

But there comes a point when we have to decide whether we're going to spend our lives trying to recreate yesterday or trust God with tomorrow.

You can love someone and let them go.

You can appreciate the memories without living in them.

You can pray for someone without being part of their life.

And you can miss someone while still moving forward.

Not every relationship that ends was a failure.

Instead of only asking:

“God, why did they leave?”

Try asking:

“God, what did You teach me while they were here?”

And maybe even:

“What are You teaching me now that they're gone?”

Don't become so focused on the person who left that you overlook the people who stayed.

Thank God for the season. Thank Him for the lessons. Appreciate the memories. Release the hurt.

And remember:

The end of a relationship isn't the end of your story. Sometimes it's simply the end of a chapter.

Prayer

Father, thank You for the people who have been part of my life. Give me wisdom to know when to fight for a relationship and when to accept that a season has ended. Heal the hurt left by those who walked away and protect my heart from bitterness. Help me appreciate those who remain and trust You with the people and opportunities still ahead.

Not everyone is meant to stay forever—but You are.

In Jesus' name we Pray, Amen.