

Cut the Ties

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1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV) – “And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love”.

Mark 3:31-35 (NIV) – Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you”. “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother”.

Mark 3:20-21 (NIV) - “Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, ‘He is out of his mind’”.

John 7:1-5 (NIV) - “After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, Jesus’ brothers said to him, ‘Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world’. For even his own brothers did not believe in him”.

Reasons Jesus’ family thought he was crazy:

- 1) He left a good business to become an itinerant preacher
- 2) He knew that powerful people wanted to kill him, yet didn’t back down
- 3) They knew the popularity might go to his head
- 4) He had spiritual power and ministry they had never seen before
- 5) They judged him by the company he kept
- 6) The pressures of ministry sometimes made him miss regular mealtimes.

Matthew 10:36 or Micah 7:6 (NIV) – “A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household”.

“Letting go means to come to the realization that some people are part of your history, but not part of your destiny” - **Steve Maraboli**

Genesis 12:1 (NIV) – The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people, and your father’s household to the land I will show you”.

Genesis 12:4 (NIV) – “So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran”.

Acts 7:2-4 (NIV) - To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran. ‘Leave your country and your people’, God said, ‘and go to the land I will show you’. So, he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living”.

Genesis 11:31-32 (NIV) - “Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Harran, they settled there. Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran”.

Joshua 24:2-3 (NIV) – Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him through Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac”.

“There will be no peace in any soul until it is willing to obey the voice of God” - **D.L. Moody**

Joshua 24:15 (NIV) – “But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord”.