

## **FaithWorks Counseling**

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## WHY DOES GOD REMOVE CERTAIN PEOPLE FROM OUR LIVES?

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Here are a few reasons why:

1. They're holding you back.

Like Abram and Lot in Genesis 13, God sees who's limiting your growth and moves them out.

2. Their season has ended.

Like Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15, not all separations are negative. Sometimes, God has a bigger plan. When Paul and Barnabas separated, they became two teams doing mission work instead of just one.

3. God is protecting you.

Take Samson and Delilah in Judges 16. Sometimes removal is divine protection from hidden harm.

4. You need to learn how to depend on God alone.

For example, Gideon's army in Judges 7. God may remove your support to deepen your dependence on Him. When people leave, don't retreat. Advance instead.

5. Some things need to stay in your past.

Just like Orpah and Ruth in Ruth 1, some relationships belong in your history, not your destiny.

Here are some practical steps you can take while walking through loss:

- Grieve the loss
- Talk to God
- Guard your heart from bitterness
- Trust in God's leading in your life
- Be open to new relationships

**Keep in Mind:** Trust God's process. He never removes something without replacing it with something better.