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1 Peter 5:6-7

Our heavenly Father is interested in every detail in our life. If we want Him to work in a particular area—whether relationships, finances, vocation, habits, or something else—we must be willing to let go of our control and give over to Him whatever He asks of us.

We may *think* we have no attachments that come between us and the Lord, but He knows our hearts. One Sunday as I was about to preach a sermon along these lines, He showed me something I hadn't yet surrendered. I realized I needed to deal with it, or I wouldn't be able to preach the sermon. So I was glad when the choir's song took a while, because I had time to come to a place of being able to say, "Lord, if that's what You desire, I commit it to You. You have the right to claim it at any time, so it's Yours right now."

It's difficult to be completely obedient if we're holding on to something too tightly. The Lord wants our attachment to be exclusively to Him. You may have multitudes of things that God has blessed you with, but the moment any of it has a hold on you, His work in your life will be blocked. But when you open your hands, gripping nothing, you will be totally free as the Holy Spirit's power flows through you.

Is there anything you feel you could never give up? Think about whatever captivates you, and honestly consider whether it also holds you captive. I challenge you to release that relationship or situation to the Lord right now so He can give you the freedom you've been craving.

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