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Have To Let you Go

How many people in the next few months will hear these words "I am very sorry but we are going to have to let you go"? Maybe you have already been on the speaking end of these words. I would imagine you know someone who has heard or had to say them.

They are, of course, workplace speak for all kinds of messages. "We can't afford you any more" – "you are surplus to requirements" – "you don't figure in our plans" – "you are not adding enough value to us" – "you don't measure up" or "if you don't go (along with x thousand others) the company goes bust".

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Whatever the hidden message in the words the impact in the recipient is more obvious. People feel rejected, devalued, hurt and angry. In addition there can be a rise in fear of financial difficulty along with loss of security and status. For some, identity is so closely bound up with work that it feels like they have become a nobody.

Although for many these words will signal early retirement, voluntary redundancy with a decent settlement, or even moving to another suitable post, there will remain thousands of times and places over the next few months where these words will come out of someone's mouth and feel like a punch to the stomach.

There is one mouth out of these words will never come. God says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you". Paul reassured the Roman Christians that 'nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ' and 'no one can take us out of His hands'. God will never say 'I can't afford you anymore.' He who paid for us with His son's life will not abandon us. We can never become surplus to His requirements because His kingdom never ends. You have figured in His plans since before the world began – He knows the plans he has for you and they are good and very long-term. It's not a question of measuring up or adding value to God but being measured out his forgiveness and being invited to join His mission.

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You can lose your job but not your employer. You can lose your

income but not your security. Your identity and status are not up for grabs because they are in the hand of Someone who does not reject, devalue or destroy the souls of His employees. That's why someone wrote "Oh love that will not let me go" its not just a question of holding on it's being held.

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**Here is a relevant reading for the Jan. 14 2002 Wake Up Call
Hebrews 13:5**

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jeremiah 29:10-12

This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.