

# Leaving, Cleaving, And Weaving

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## Outline

What does it mean to leave? How do I facilitate leaving?

What does it mean to cleave? How do I facilitate cleaving?

## Vision

*Deuteronomy 13:4* “Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.”




## God's Original Design

*“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”*

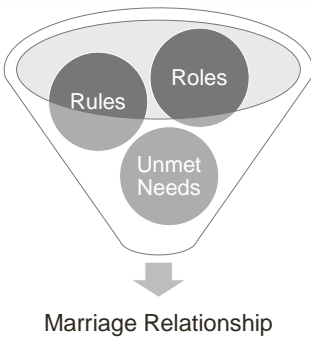
## Definition of “Leaving”

Hebrew word **azab** OT:5800 has numerous meanings depending on how it is used.

In *Genesis 2:24* it means "to depart from something," or "to leave."



## What are you Leaving?



Marriage Relationship

## Roles

We both agree on who is doing these things:

		Mom	Dad	Me	You	Mom	Dad	Me	You
Toni	Staying home with children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris	Paying bills and handling finances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Both	Yard work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Both	Gassing up the car	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chris	Fixing things around the house	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Both	Laundry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Toni	Making the bed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni	Cooking meals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Toni	Grocery shopping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Neither	Caring for a pet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni	Decorating the house	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Toni	Disciplining the children	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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## Unspoken Rules

- Always buy organic.
- Don't ask for help.
- Downplay successes.
- Don't work too hard / too long.
- Never raise voice.
- Always leave butter on counter.
- Never buy dessert at a restaurant.
- Always have big celebration for birthdays.
- Always be on time.
- Clean kitchen before bed.
- Don't talk about feelings.
- Always pay bills the day they arrive.
- Don't drive fast.
- Don't buy expensive gifts.
- Use credit card only in emergency.

## Unfulfilled Needs

Praise

- My parents never really celebrated my successes.

Encouragement

- My parents never really encouraged my dreams / goals.

Listening

- My parents never really understood me for who I am.

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts, Workbook (Parrot's, 2015)

## Couple Exercise

- Reflect on the three areas that can inhibit the leaving process (Roles, Rules, and Unfulfilled Needs).
- Identify one area you have done well at "leaving" and identify one area you would like to grow in.
- Share with your spouse.

## Cleaving

*Matthew 19:5 "and said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?"*

## Definition of "joined"

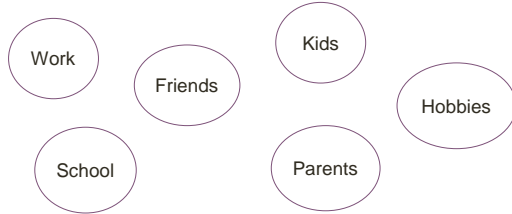
*Ephesians 5:30-32 "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined [NT:4347] unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church."*

Greek word for Joined:

1. **kollao** (kolla/w, [NT:2853](#)), "to glue or cement together," then, generally, "to unite, to join firmly," is used in the passive voice signifying "to join oneself to, to be joined to,"
2. **proskollao** (proskolla/w, [NT:4347](#)), "to stick to," a strengthened form of No. 1, with **pros**

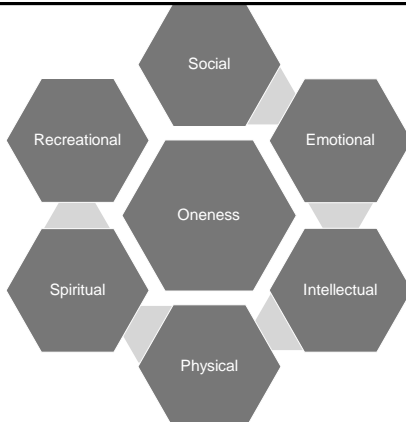
## What areas can inhibit Cleaving?

*Matthew 19:6 (AMP) "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

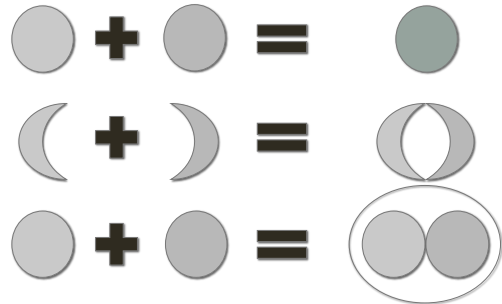


## Things that facilitate Cleaving

- Learn to set boundaries and limits.
- Keep personal issues between you and your spouse.
- Develop your own social circle and calendar.
- Respect your spouse's desires over your parents.
- Seek ways to grow spiritually together.
- Seek to function as a financially independent unit.
- Develop and establish traditions for your new family.
- Grieve losses of traditions, habits, or gatherings from your family of origin.



## Two Become One: Which One?



## Couple Exercise

Take 5 minutes to discuss:

- Each of you list three things that help you feel close as a couple.
- Each of you list three things that can hinder you from feeling close to each other.
- Share your answers with your spouse.



## Appendix: Additional Information

Things that may inhibit Leaving:

- Unresolved issues or conflict from past.
- Excessively looking for approval, encouragement, or support from someone outside marriage.
- Intrusive parents not respecting couples boundaries.
- Relying to heavily on parent for decision-making.
- Revealing details of marital conflict with parents.
- One or both individuals in a couple maintaining a mindset of singleness or allegiance to their friends over their marriage union.