

JUNE 16, 2019

THE TENACIOUS FATHER

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(John 15:12, NLT)

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and holding on when THEY want you to LET GO.

FOR ALL OF US

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Have you ever been lovingly "let go of?" How do you feel about that?

In what ways has your ability to hope been tested in relationships? How do you sustain hope when it seems hopeless?

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When has someone made it hard for you to return? How does that affect you?

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