

Letting Go

Description

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Nora and Duane took their only child to begin his first year in college. They quickly moved him into the dorm, hugs were exchanged, and they prepared to head home. Pulling away, Duane glanced in the rearview mirror and saw him waving. As Duane waved back, his heart broke. They had crossed a milestone; things would never be the same again. He grieved for the child that had been theirs for 18 years, yet knew this was an important step for him to become the man God wanted him to be.

All parents face the pain of letting go. It may be on a college campus, at a military induction center, or that first job and apartment away from home. Sadly for some, it is beside a hospital bed or a grave. For Hannah, the moment came very early. We can only imagine what she felt as she hugged Samuel one last time and placed his tiny hand into Eli's.

For us who live by faith there can be no better place for our child—or ourselves.

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