

Temporarily Tenting

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2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Paul compares the physical body to a tent in 2 Corinthians 5:1. Tent camping exchanges a comfortable roofed house designed to give protection for a small, stretched, and pegged canvas covering. The exchange is fine for leisure and recreational activity. However, few of us who have spent our lives in houses would choose a tent over a house, unless there was no other option.

Refugees from floods and fires and political upheaval will camp in tents until someone offers them a key to more permanent housing. Do they tell their benefactors to keep the better house because they don't want to leave their tents? Probably not.

Isn't that what God wants to remind His children? We're tent-dwellers on this earth—this flesh and blood life is temporary. One day, Someone will offer us a key to an eternal, thief-proof, disaster-resistant place that meets every need. While God does not direct His family to neglect the "tent" during this waiting period, He wants us to live forward. Tenting is temporary while we wait for a more permanent home.

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