

WORD STUDY: *cling*

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definition

to adhere as if glued firmly; to hold or hold on tightly or tenaciously; to have a strong emotional attachment or dependence; to remain or linger as if resisting complete spreading or scattering (MW)

ADHERE + HOLD TIGHTLY

- It's a choice: You choose to glue yourself firmly to something; holding tightly takes effort.
- We are so insecure: we're afraid it can be taken away. Why else would we hold on so tightly?

ATTACHMENT/DEPENDENCE

- We end up forming a strong emotional attachment.
- We think we can't survive without this thing!

RESISTING COMPLETE SCATTERING

- It's as if we think that, if this thing we want disappears, we will just go POOF and disseminate.

deeper look

The Hebrew word "dabaq", translated "cling" in the ESV, is "cleave" in the KJV. קָבַד

translated as

cleave // follow hard // keep fast // abide // pursued // take
in other places in the KJV.

"But you are to cling to the LORD your God, as you have done to this day."

Joshua 23:8

make it PERSONAL

things I cling to

why i should change

God commands it. "You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him . . . keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and *cling to Him.*" Deuteronomy 13:4 ((See also: Deuteronomy 6:5)
"But you are to *cling to the LORD your God.*" Joshua 23:8a

He will never disappoint. You're gonna fail. You're gonna mess up. You're gonna have days you wonder if it's worth it all. It's important to remember the hope we can cling to:

"And *hope does not put us to shame*, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5

"We have this as a *sure and steadfast anchor of the soul*, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain." Hebrews 6:19
