

# Are You Done Retreating?

I schlepped my suitcase in the door and dropped it on the floor. "Are you done retreating?" Erik asked me as I came in the house. His question stopped me in my tracks.

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My sister and I went on retreat for a few days to plan for a prayer event. We felt the need to get away to the country so we could focus on hearing from God. While on retreat we prayed, worked, planned and had a sweet time studying God's word.

When our retreat was finished, I walked in the door and my son greeted me with *Are you done retreating?* which he followed up with the equally stunning *Good, now it's time for you to advance.*

## It's time for you to advance.

Spine-tingling. Profound. Prophetic words from my son. They felt like a direct message from God. So I asked myself his question, *Am I done retreating? Am I done hanging back, hanging around and hanging on? Am I ready to advance with God for the next thing He has for me?*

## Sometimes we have to retreat to advance.

Maybe it seems your life is in retreat. Your hoped for promotion turned into what seems like a demotion. Your big house downsized to a tiny house. Your full nest has turned into an empty nest. Perhaps God is fine tuning your focus and calling you to retreat so you can advance in your relationship with Him.

## We've all been retreating.

Since Covid blasted on the scene in March, we've all been on retreat—from our jobs, from entertainment, from church, from our friends and it seems from life. But what an opportunity the quarantine provided for an at home holy huddle. But now some of our restrictions are lifting. We are beginning to see some return to normalcy.

So. It's time. Pick up what you have learned on your retreat and advance. Take a step of faith and move forward with God. Advance in your relationship, in your calling, in the work God wants you to do for such a time as this.

*"For by you, I advance through a troop. By my God, I leap over a wall." Psalm 18:29*

## Are you done retreating?

How are you advancing with God? Please leave me a comment below. I'd love to chat with with.

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## Resources:

[How to Get Unstuck and Move Forward with God](#)

[Your Dot and Your Dash](#)

