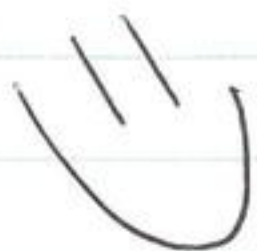


Do You Belong In My Life? 9.25.12

Just because somebody belonged in your life early on, doesn't mean they're supposed to make the whole journey with you. When memories of being with someone are wonderful, it's difficult to face the truth that those days are gone and will never return. And as you rebound, you try to surpass your separation by comparing your new dates to the standards of your lost mate. But is that really a good thing? If the qualities of your ex were so unblemished, why did you separate? And why would you want to replace your new mate with the qualities of your lost love? Just because you have separated, does that mean you are right and they are wrong? No, it just means you have different destinies. If you don't understand that, people who were once the wind beneath your wings can become a weight that drags you down like a ball & chain, you'll remain in a meaningless relationship until you both drown. Someone has to let go for the love of the other. Why be miserable together, when you can be elated apart? Sometimes you outgrow a person's

gifting and capacity, and no matter how much you try to help or improve them they won't get any better. You can't mold someone like playdoh to the configuration you want them to be. They are who they are so love them for that or don't love them at all. And when you can't do that your prospects are diminished and your momentum suffers. Some of the people you want in your life shouldn't be in it because they don't share your passion; they have a different calling. If you learn this sooner rather than later, you'll save yourself untold heartache. I'm speaking from experience! Put this message on your answering machine the next time you need to make some life changes: "I'm not available right now. I'm making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I don't return your call, (you) are one of the changes."



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