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Here's Hope

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The First Leaf

It's time. It flutters, falls and gently rests. That leaf is a thing of beauty. The summer is giving way to the season of harvest. Soon the ground will be covered with others, melting together their colors to rival the springtime spectacular. The falling itself is a thing to behold. It is like rain or snow but each leaf settles with a soft crackle. How beautiful on the tree, in the air and on the ground.

The first leaf encourages the others until there is a curtain of color. They rest randomly but with their own wind-driven patterns. A blanket of leaves appears but it begins with one. The others follow suit as others but together in symphony. Each one drops in its own God-appointed time flying downward with restful grace until together they beautify everything.

At just the right second the first leaf turns loose. That's how it all starts, with one someone turning loose. It doesn't seem like much but in the end it becomes a big thing. Big things are big things. They begin, however, with a small action. We often hold on with determined purpose. We believe fervently that this is the way. This is the way to make things happen. This is the way to turn the tide. This is the way (even) to serve Him. Sometimes we go so far as to want God to bless us, instead of our pathway following His. He has a way. It is always better than mine. It is better for His glory, but it is also better for our good. So... I implore you... turn loose.

Turn Loose,
Jerry Rea

PS - I love you and am praying for you as you walk with Jesus