

## **Each Piece Matters**

*“Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:12-13, NLT)*

I had planned on writing something else for the weekend word....but God showed up when I least expected it. Funny how He works sometimes... We can't see what He is doing when He does it...

As I passed through the lobby, there were dozens of large and small puzzle pieces scattered on the floor. It looked like a big mess to me as I stepped over it, but to the young man hovering over it, well to him it was something else.

To be honest, I have never been fond of putting puzzles together, so I can't even comprehend why anyone would enjoy that. But there is one thing that has always amazed me about puzzles, “Every piece matters.” Friend, today's message is for you. God is saying, “Each piece of your life matters.”

One of those random pieces may not look like much on its own, but once God starts putting it together with other pieces, the formation of what He is doing in you takes shape. It's not always easy to see how those unique circumstances have a part in what God has ordained as a purposeful part of your life, but it's true. Your life may feel like a bunch of pieces that don't always seem to fit together to form anything worth looking at, but God says, they do!

“You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works” (Ephesians 2:10).

Every piece matters to God. Every piece has it's purpose. It's always about Him, and what He is doing in you and through you. Each piece of your life is a representation of Him. That's why it matters!!!! Each piece of your life has purpose in God's Kingdom because it's shaping you into looking like Him.

“You know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28).

I feel strongly to encourage you, that the movement of these recent pieces of your life is taking you to places in Him you've not been before. He orders your steps (Psalm 37:23) and He is changing the look of your puzzled life. It is through this process, that you can expect to meet Him in ways you have not experienced before. And this experience is going to change you into something you didn't see before.

Right now, what you see isn't making a whole lot of sense and won't make sense until you get close to the actual place He is wanting to take you. You are in a place you have never been before- because you are going places you have never gone before. Along the way, you are meeting Him in ways you have not met Him before. This is changing you. This is rebuilding areas that need to be rebuilt.

Yes, it isn't pleasant to be in unfamiliar places with these challenges surrounding you and you may feel like a mess, but you are not a mess! Each piece of your life has unique purpose”

It is changing your perspective

It is changing how you think about things

It is changing how you react to things

It is changing how you not only see Him, but how you experience Him.

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