



PUZZLE PIECES:

Have we ever looked at a puzzle and noticed how every piece has a **specific place**? One piece may look insignificant by itself, but when it is placed in the right position, it contributes to the beauty and completeness of the whole picture. I believe our lives are much like that puzzle.

God brings people into our lives for a purpose: Family, friends, mentors, brothers and sisters in Christ, and even those we may not have expected can become part of the picture God is forming in us. He uses people to shape us, correct us, encourage us, strengthen us, and help us become more like Christ.

When we begin to choose our “puzzle pieces” entirely by ourselves, without seeking God’s wisdom, everything may appear beautiful in the beginning. But when the storms and crises of life come, we may discover that some pieces do not fit the picture God is creating. **What seemed right for a season may not have been what God intended for the journey.** That is why we need to **allow God to choose, place, and connect the right people in our lives.**

But there is another side to this illustration. **We ourselves are also puzzle pieces in God’s hands.** God has placed us in the lives of certain people not merely for what we can receive from them, but for what He wants to do **through us** in their lives.

Someone may need our encouragement.

Someone may need our prayer.

Someone may need our correction.

Someone may need our friendship.

Someone may need us to walk beside them during a difficult season.

Perhaps God has placed us in someone’s life because we **are the piece, He wants to use to complete something He is doing in them.**

Therefore, **First, let us willingly place ourselves in God’s hands.** Let us say, “Lord, use my life. Make me the person You want me to be, and use me to shape and strengthen the lives of others.”

Second, let us allow God to bring the right people into our lives. Yes, we need godly people who will speak truth into our lives, challenge us, encourage us, pray for us, and lovingly point us back to Christ. We were never designed to complete the picture of our lives by ourselves. **We need God and we need the people God sends into our lives.**

This is why **Mentoring** is so important. **Jesus did not simply preach to people; He walked with people.** He invested His life in them, and He allowed them to walk alongside Him. So let us not only ask, “Who can help me?” Let us also ask, “Whose life is God asking me to invest in?”

Let us become willing **puzzle pieces in the hands of God**, allowing Him to place us wherever He wants. And let us humbly receive the people He brings into our lives, allowing them to speak, correct, encourage, mentor, and shape us according to His purpose.

In the end, the beautiful picture is not about any individual puzzle piece. **It is about the picture God is creating through all of us, a life increasingly shaped into the likeness of Christ.**

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 3:18.

Lord, make me the right piece in someone else's life, and bring the right people into my life to help me become the person You have called me to be. Amen.