

Putting it Together Again

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Everything's falling apart on me, GOD; put me together again with your Word. Psalm 119:107 (MSG)

He will bring fathers and children together again . . . Luke 1:17 (TEV)

"The God of heaven will help us succeed. We, his servants, will start rebuilding this wall." Nehemiah 2:20 (NLT)

I. HOW TO START

*They said to me . . . "The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I **mourned**, **fasted**, and **prayed** to the God of heaven.* Nehemiah 1:3-4 (NLT)

- Mourning – Expressing your _____ to God.

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4 (NLT)

- Fasting – Focusing your _____ on God.

"Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." Joel 2:12 (NKJV)

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2 (NIV)

- Praying – Asking for _____ from God

LORD, my Rock, I call out to you for help. Psalm 28:1a (NCV)

I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. Ephesians 1:19 (TLB)

II. HOW TO KEEP GOING

- Take time to say _____

First I want to say that I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because people everywhere in the world are talking about your faith. Romans 1:8 (NCV)

I couldn't stop thanking God for you — every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. Ephesians 1:16 (MSG)

- Choose to _____

We will celebrate and praise you, LORD! You are good to us, and your love never fails. Psalm 106:1 (CEV)

The joy of the LORD is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10b (NIV)

So the people went away to eat and drink at a festive meal, to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great joy because they had heard God's words and understood them. Nehemiah 8:12 (NLT)

III. HOW IT LASTS

For anything to last, it must be _____.

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV)

The priests and Levites first dedicated themselves, then the people, the gates, and the wall. Nehemiah 12:30 (TLB)

So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. Romans 12:1 (TEV)