

## **GOD HOLDS THE PIECES**

I have never tackled a 750 piece jigsaw puzzle before. That is, until holidaying on the Sunshine Coast where more rain fell in four days that Adelaide receives in a year. A jigsaw seemed a reasonable diversion.

Four of us began the task. We spread all the pieces out on the table and started sorting them by colour and design. We found all the edge pieces and made the frame. That's the easy part! Then patiently, carefully, gradually the scene began to take shape as one by one each piece went into place. We worked at the jigsaw off and on for several days. But, our early enthusiasm turned to frustration and boredom and the jigsaw remained incomplete.

Much of life is like a puzzle. It's easy to focus only on bits and pieces in our lives and fail to see the end result. Or, when things don't seem to come together and the gaps in the picture produce confusion, life may seem hopeless or out of control.

It's time like these that we must remind ourselves that God is in control. He has the ability to pick up all the pieces in our lives and make sense out of them. One day He will slip those last pieces into place and the picture of life will be complete. With God, there are no missing pieces – He holds them in His sovereign hands. Not one of them is lost or misplaced.

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