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Some years ago when our daughter was in her first year of school we noticed that she wanted very much to do the same things that mommy did. Her play time was spent preparing imaginary meals to be served to her cabbage patch dolls and glow worm. So we decided to shop for a kitchen set for her to encourage her creative thinking. Not finding what we wanted locally – we resorted to catalog shopping and we found a beautiful set complete with sink, oven and refrigerator that said, “Some Assembly Required”.

Now, I don’t know what kinds of images come to mind when you hear the words, “Some Assembly Required” – but for my wife and I the very first thought that pops into mind is a long Christmas Eve as dad labored over directions that instructed me to, “insert tab A1 into slot B4” which, by the way, was a seemingly physical impossibility. Just the same – we laid our heads on the pillow around 4:00 am the next morning comforted that our efforts were fruitful and would bring lasting joy to our daughter for years to come – in fact, she still has fond memories of the many banquets served from that very kitchen. But, I would be remiss if I didn’t add that 6 days later (New Years Eve 1989) we resolved to never again purchase anything with the words, “Some Assembly Required” printed on the package.



There are other things that come to mind when we think of “some assembly required” that we’d like to share with you as well.

First and foremost we wouldn’t even be here if God hadn’t assembled this place we call home.



Genesis 1:1

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



And for my wife and myself - we recognize that we are a work in progress and that we should press forward no matter what the circumstances may be.

Philippians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

And while we are pressing forward and things seem too hard - we should try not to allow ourselves to become discouraged.

Philippians 1

⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

How encouraging is that? I hear you, let's be straight here, we all have our good days and bad days – we are still human - the scriptures above remind us that we are not alone and God is at work behind the scenes in all of our circumstances.

Assembly has a second meaning as well – it means gathering together. We do not need to be islands – God has built us for relationship and if that relationship is healthy – it allows us to encourage and edify each other building each other up for the tasks/trials ahead as we move toward the goal as the body of Christ.

Romans 14:18,19

¹⁸ For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

¹⁹ Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Hebrews 10:24,25

²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

So if you're not in a personal relationship with the Lord I want to encourage you to come to Him with repentance in your heart and receive Him into your life. Then, tell somebody about the quality choice you just made and seek fellowship with other Christians.

God is moving to build His church – which is the Body of Christ in all of us – and that means we need to fellowship and be a part of something larger than ourselves – that means, "Some Assembly Required".