



## DAY 15

### Puzzles

*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus”  
(Phil 1:6)*

Our lives are like puzzles, pieces that are scattered about but as time goes on and we grow, those pieces start to come together. I love doing puzzles and usually do 1,000 piece ones. I believe I got this from my dad who, after he retired and became unable to work outside all day or work down in his work room, he liked to put out a puzzle on the dining room table to work on. Sometimes he worked on them himself but I would join him when I went for a visit and even picked up a few for him to do. One of those puzzles was lighthouses and he ended up completing it and putting it in the stairway going downstairs. I have it now. When my youngest sister, Helen came up for a visit from North Carolina, that is where we would be. We usually started with the edge pieces but sometimes the colors of the puzzle or the scenery inside would draw us toward doing it from the inside to outside. The challenge we did was to look at the puzzle picture and then put the box out-of-sight until done. Although I have done some puzzles where the only way to figure the picture out was to keep the picture in front of me. These times together are remembered with fondness which included lots of talking and laughing as the puzzle came together.

**Dear God, let us remember those times with loved ones and may our lives come together as a puzzle in the way we live and learn about You. Amen**

– Ruth Anne Ruehr