

**Picking up the Broken Pieces**  
**Franklin Heights Church**  
**May 31, 2026**  
**Rocky Mount Campus**

Text: Ezra 7:11-16 (ESV)

Psalm 121:3-4 (ESV)

*He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

Ezra 7:12-13 (ESV)

*“Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, the scribe of the Law of the God of heaven. Peace. And now I make a decree that anyone of the people of Israel or their priests or Levites in my kingdom, who freely offers to go to Jerusalem, may go with you.*

**1. God \_\_\_\_\_.**

Jonah 2:8 (ESV)

*Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.*

Luke 5:5 (ESV)

*And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.”*

John 15:5 (ESV)

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

1 Corinthians 15:10 (ESV)

*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.*

**2. God \_\_\_\_\_.**

Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

John 6:7 (ESV)

*Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."*

Mark 6:52 (ESV)

*for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.*

Matthew 5:6 (ESV)

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

### **3. Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ezra 7:27–28 (ESV)

*Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, who put such a thing as this into the heart of the king, to beautify the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem, and who extended to me his steadfast love before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty officers. I took courage, for the hand of the LORD my God was on me, and I gathered leading men from Israel to go up with me.*

Jeremiah 31:3 (ESV)

*the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.*

2 Timothy 4:17–18 (ESV)

*But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*