

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- I will memorize **Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)**
- I will accept Christ for the first time
- I will join the New Life church family
- I will sign up for the next baptism
- Send me info for a small group today
- Recruit others for your group

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Connecting to the Power of God's Family

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Memory Verse:

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

4 METAPHORS

1. CONNECTING TO GOD'S FAMILY IS LIKE BEING BUILT INTO A _____.

*"You are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone. In him all the parts of the building fit together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord. Through him you, also, are being built in the Spirit together with others into a place where God lives." **Ephesians 2:20-22 (GW)***

IN BUILDINGS, A DISCONNECTED FRAME

YOU'VE GOT TO GET CONNECTED

2. CONNECTING TO GOD'S FAMILY IS LIKE BEING JOINED INTO A _____.

"Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others."

Romans 12:4-5 (LB)

"Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it." **Colossians 2:18-19 (NLT)**

IN A BODY, A DISCONNECTED PART _____

3. CONNECTING TO GOD'S FAMILY IS LIKE BEING ATTACHED TO A _____.

"Live in me, and I will live in you. A branch cannot produce any fruit by itself. It has to stay attached to the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit unless you live in me."

John 15:4 (GW)

ON PLANTS, A DISCONNECTED BRANCH CAN'T BEAR _____

4. CONNECTING TO GOD'S FAMILY IS LIKE BEING BORN INTO A _____.

"In case I'm delayed. I want you to know how people who are members of God's family must live. God's family is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."

1 Timothy 3:15 (GW)

"May the patience and encouragement that come from God allow you to live in harmony with each other the way Christ Jesus wants. Then you will all be joined together, and you will give glory to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ accepted you, so you should accept each other, which will bring glory to God." **Romans 15:5-7 (NCV)**

IN A FAMILY, A DISCONNECTED MEMBER

I WILL CONNECT WITH A _____.