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## Daily Exercise Guide

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2 Corinthians 1:5-7	Thank you Lord for your compassion (mercy) when I stumble. Help me to bless you for your mercy instead of blaming you for my stumbling.
2 Corinthians 1:5-7	Thank you Lord for your comfort in my suffering. Let me draw close to you in my sufferings and not allow my suffering to isolate myself from you or others. Don't let my suffering be a stumbling block in declaring my praise and faith in you or a stumbling block to those around me that the devil will use to destroy their faith.
1 Peter 2:8-10	Lord, thank you for calling me out of darkness into the light through Jesus. Let me build on him and not stumble over him. Lord, I pray you give me opportunities to share the gospel story of Jesus as the rock to build on with those around me who are rejecting him.
Malachi 2:8	Lord, let me daily be in your word to study for myself. Let the Holy Spirit lead me into all truth and remove any false teachings that would be a stumbling block to my spiritual growth.
Matthew 18:6	Lord, thank you for children. Let me accept the challenge to point them to you and not be a stumbling block in my words, attitudes, or behaviors.
Job 4:4	Lord, I take heart that you support me when I stumble. Thank you for giving me strength when I falter.
Psalms 119:105	Lord, make me aware of the things that can cause me to stumble by shining the light of your word on my path.
Psalms 37:24	Lord thank you for your steady hand that holds me up and keeps me from falling when I stumble.

## **Significant Statements**

*You often stumble in the areas where God wants to provide mercy and comfort.*

*You often get tripped up over seemingly little things that you're not paying attention to, are not aware of, or are put there by others.*

*Turn your stumbling stones into building blocks.*

*Determine you will be a support to children and not their stumbling block.*

*Turn your stumbling blocks into building blocks through awareness, knowledge, and an attitude of overcoming.*

*God wants to turn your mess into a message, your test into a testimony, and your trial into a triumph.*

**CAUTION**

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. 6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. **2 Corinthians 1:5-7**



“A **stone** that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.  
1 Peter 2:8-10 (selected)



But you have  
turned from the  
way and by your  
teaching have  
caused many to  
stumble;  
Malachi 2:8



If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.  
Matthew 18:6



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Your words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees. Job 4:4

# Awareness

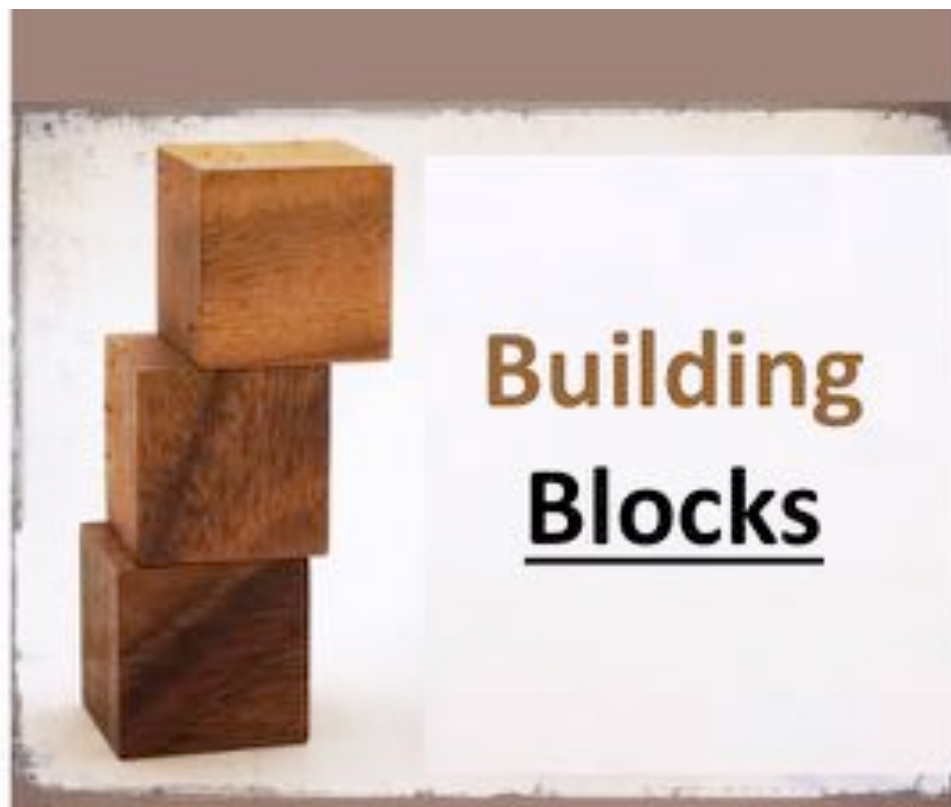


## Learn

- Knowledge  
what to do
- Wisdom  
how to do it
- Understanding  
Why you do it



**Overcome  
When you  
trip up get  
up!**



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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28