

**March Madness: Rebound  
Method to the Madness  
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*“As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:4-5*

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Method #1 = **Strength**

*“Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty warriors, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim for battle. Then the Israelites retreated, but Eleazar stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. The Lord brought about a great victory that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.” 2 Samuel 23:9-10*

1. Strength of **Purpose**
2. Strength of **Endurance**
3. Strength of **Performance**

Method #2 = **Balance**

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.” Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

1. Balance of **Priorities**
2. Balance of **Sacrifice**

*“Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever*

*loses their life for me will save it What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?" Luke 9:23-25*

### 3. Balance of **Expectations**

#### Method #3 – **Timing**

*"From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take." 1 Chronicles 12:32*

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law." Matthew 7:24-29*

1. Rain = Everyday troubles
2. Floods = Threatening disasters
3. Winds = Words

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Method #2 = \_\_\_\_\_

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Method #3 – \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture: *1 Peter 2:4-5; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; 2 Samuel 23:9-10; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Luke 9:23-25; 1 Chronicles 12:32; Matthew 7:24-29*