

**REBUILDING
BROKEN LIVES**

SCRIPTURE
LESSON:
ISAIAH 61:1-3

**ISAIAH 61:1-3 , THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH GOOD
TIDINGS TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE
BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND THE OPENING OF THE PRISON TO THOSE WHO ARE BOUND;
TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD, AND THE
DAY OF VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD; TO COMFORT ALL WHO
MOURN, TO CONSOLE THOSE WHO MOURN IN ZION, TO GIVE
THEM BEAUTY FOR ASHES, THE OIL OF JOY FOR MOURNING, THE
GARMENT OF PRAISE FOR THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS; THAT THEY
MAY BE CALLED TREES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE PLANTING OF
THE LORD, THAT HE MAY BE GLORIFIED.**

BEAUTY FOR ASHES

**“BEAUTY IS
SOMETIMES
BORN OF PAIN.”**

**BUT SOMETIMES THINGS THAT APPEAR
UGLY JUST NEED THE RIGHT CLIMATE
TO GROW.**

THE PROCESS OF THE PROMISE BEAUTY FOR ASHES:

**1. GOD REDEEMS PAIN TO
PURPOSE.**

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PLEASURE

**A LIFE IN THE CONSTANT PURSUIT
OF PLEASURE IS A LIFE MARKED BY
DISCONTENT, DESTRUCTION AND
EXCESS.**

**PROVERBS 27:20, DEATH AND
DESTRUCTION ARE NEVER SATISFIED,
AND NEITHER ARE HUMAN EYES.**

PURPOSE

**WHEN PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THEIR
PURPOSE, THEY CHOOSE PLEASURE
AS A MEANS TO DEAL WITH THEIR
PAIN.**

PAIN

**TO MANAGE OR MAKE SENSE OF
OUR PAIN, WE WILL TURN TO
PLEASURE, SELF-PITY OR PURPOSE.**

**“NEVER FOLLOW A MAN WHO DOESN'T
WALK WITH A LIMP.”**

**THE PLACE WHERE YOU'VE BEEN
WOUNDED IS THE PLACE GOD WANTS
TO USE YOU.**

**2. YOU MUST DECIDE TO SEE THE
BEAUTY.**

“BROKEN CRAYONS STILL COLOR.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 12:10, THAT IS WHY, FOR
CHRIST'S SAKE, I DELIGHT IN
WEAKNESSES, IN INSULTS, IN
HARDSHIPS, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN
DIFFICULTIES. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK,
THEN I AM STRONG.**

**BEAUTY BLOSSOMS WHEN YOU DECIDE
TO SEE THE ASHES NOT AS YOUR
BURIAL GROUND, BUT AS THE
BIRTHPLACE OF YOUR RESURRECTION**

**HEBREWS 12:2, LOOKING UNTO JESUS,
THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR
FAITH, WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS
SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS,
DESPISING THE SHAME, AND HAS SAT
DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE
THRONE OF GOD.**

**GOLD CAN ONLY BE PROCESSED IN
FIRE.**

**“IF WE CAN KNOW THE BEAUTY GOD IS
FORMING IN US, WE CAN BEAR THE
PAIN HE ALLOWS IN OUR LIVES.”**

**3. THE GREATEST BEAUTY IS IN YOUR
STORY.**

**1 PETER 2:9, “SO THAT YOU MAY
DECLARE THE GOODNESS OF HIM WHO
HAS CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS
AND INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT”**

**THE TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST, THE
OPINIONS OF PEOPLE OR THE PAIN OF
THE PRESENT ARE NEVER THE FINAL
ANSWERS.**