

Elim FREEDOM CHURCH

Beauty for Ashes.

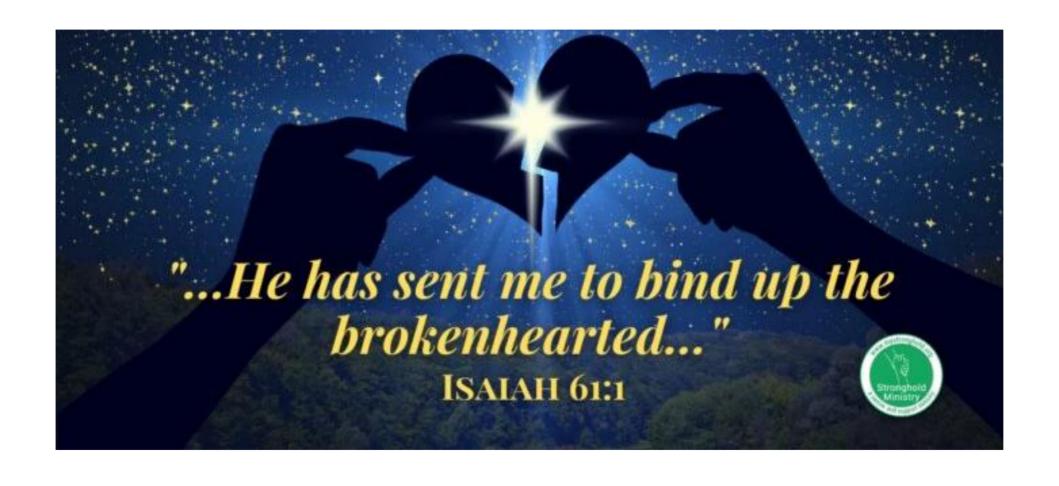
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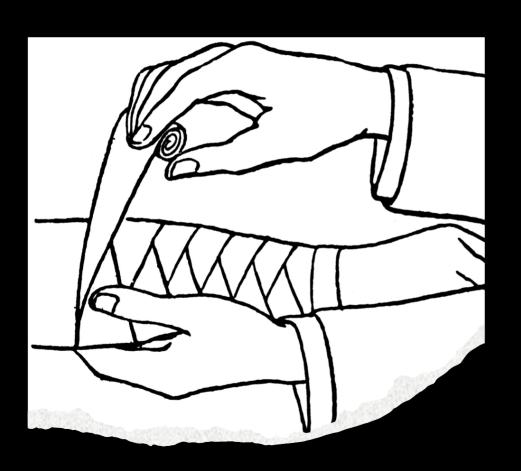
ISAIAH 61:1

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bind up the brokenhearted.

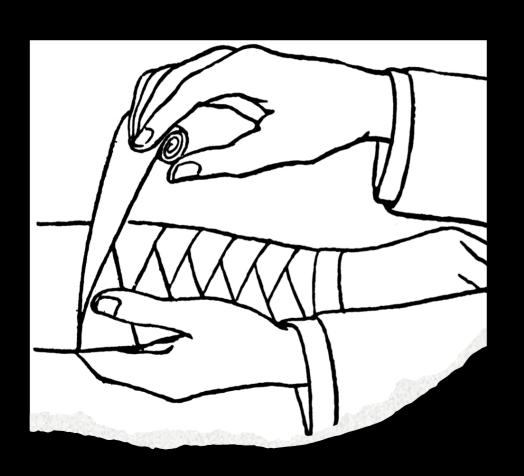
Presence → Anointing for People (Isaiah 61:1a)

"Holy Spirit, rest on me. Use me today."

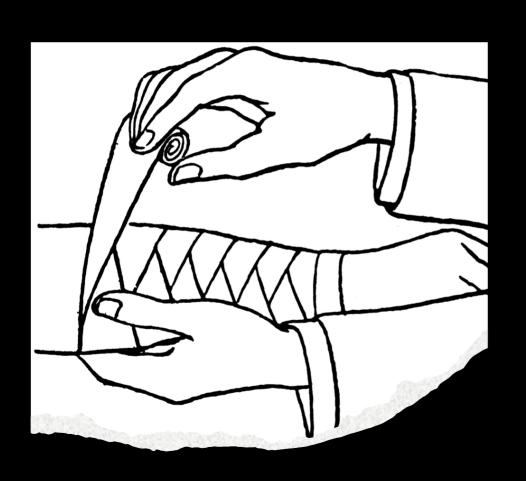




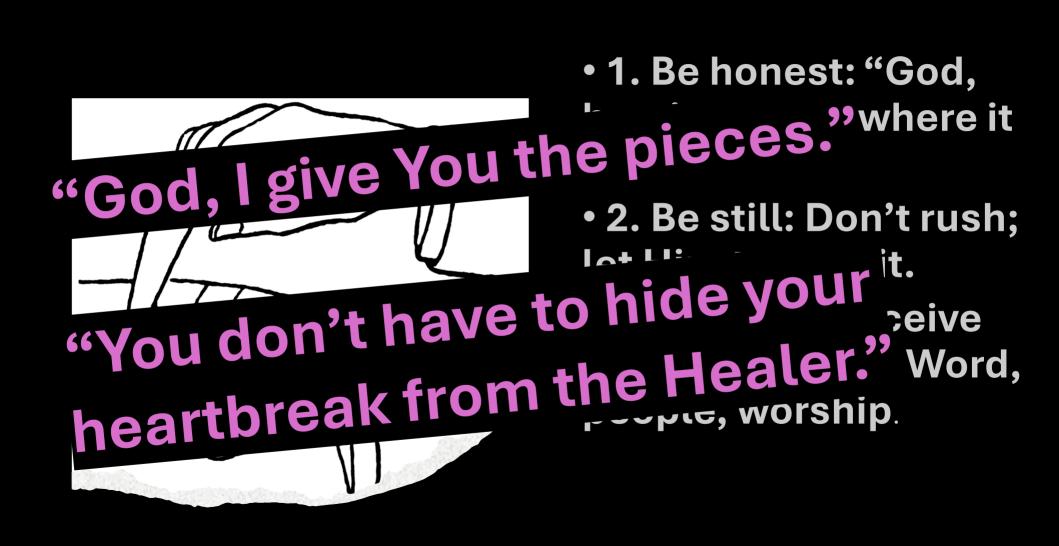
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- 3. Be open: Receive comfort through Word, people, worship.





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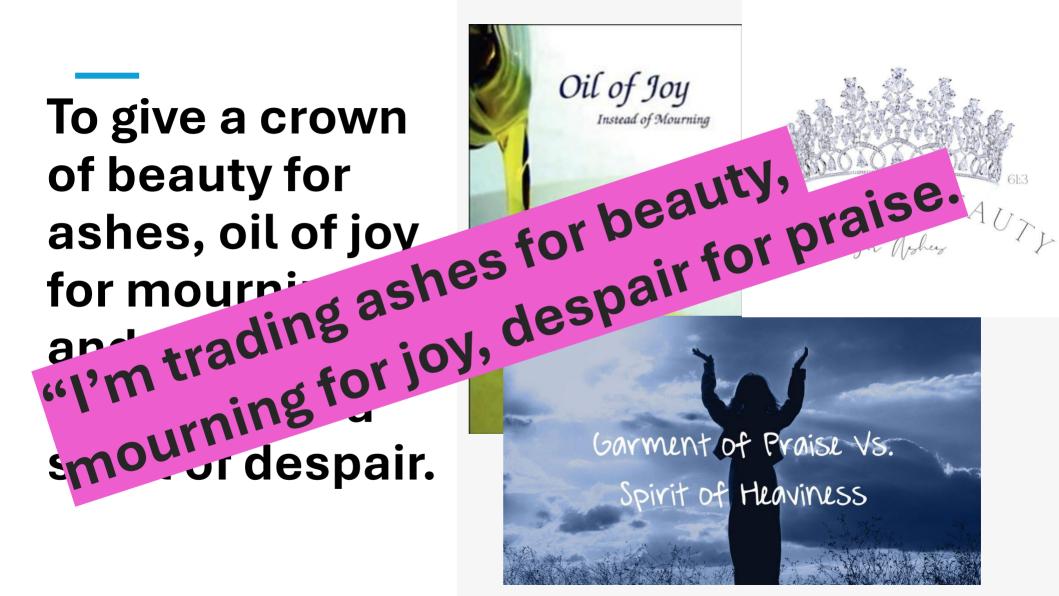


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- 3. Replace it. Fill the gap with Scripture, worship, wise conversation.

To give a crown of beauty for ashes, oil of joy for mourning, and a garment of praise for a spirit of despair.



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Look honestly: What's broken?

Lean on God: Ask for wisdom first.

Lay one brick: One call, one boundary, one prayer, one step.



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1. Identify the voice: Condemnation isn't God.

2. Interrupt it: "That's not who

I am anymore."

3. Invite truth: Speak

Scripture; remember grace

moments.

1. Pause (30 sec): "Holy Spirit, You're here."

2. Pray (15 sec): "Show me one person who needs good news."

3. Participate (15 sec): Send the text, say the kind word, choose patience.

"The Spirit is upon me. I am anointed for good news.

My heart is healing. I'm walking out free.

I'm trading ashes for beauty.
I will rebuild what was broken.
And in Christ, my joy is not fragile—
it's forever."

- Father, thank You for Your Spirit upon us presence over pressure.
- Bind the broken places gently.
- Proclaim freedom where we've felt trapped.
- Trade our ashes for beauty, our mourning for joy, our despair for praise.
- Make us restorers brick by brick and silence shame with a double portion of grace.
- Anchor us in everlasting joy because You are faithful. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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