

RESTORING THE ANCIENT RUINS

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POINTS TO PONDER

- Your life has a 'voice'.
- The inner beliefs of your heart that manifest outwardly in a crisis will be the voice others hear.
- Your spiritual stability in a crisis happens as you clothe yourself in praise rather than problems.

READ ISAIAH 61:1-7

- The Holy Spirit is to cover your life.
- The Holy Spirit anoints your life for a message.
- The message is one of good news.
- Your life is to be governed by this message of good news - not governed by a message of problems.
- It's a message of freedom. Your life doesn't have to be controlled by circumstances.
- This message is contrary to the way the 'world' lives and the message it tells.
- You are to clothe yourself in praise.
- Your message is one that is to bring God glory. The problem isn't to be your message. Your message is God's glory.
- God will use even 'stranger's to help your message.
- God will restore everything that's been ruined in your life so He may get the glory.
- God will take the shame and give you honor.
- Everlasting joy is a possibility.

HOW GOD RESTORES THE RUINS IN YOUR LIFE

**It's all about God, not just about you.*

God is FAITHFUL.

- He lacks nothing.
- He is faithful even when we are not.
- He provides.

Does God's faithfulness clothe your life or does your problems clothe your life?

What message does your life give?

What spirit covers your life?

What voice resonates out of you when you are faced with a crisis?

What hindrance can you identify in your thinking that keeps you from believing God is faithful?

God is SOVEREIGN.

- He rules and reigns.
- There are no "take backs".
- What He says is – what we say becomes.

What will it take for you to exchange your problem for praise?

When you're faced with a problem is PRAISE the first thing out of your mouth?

You make a decision of the garment you wear by the words you speak? What's your mouth speak when you face a problem?

The garment that covers your life is your mouth. How is the true?

God is HOLY.

- He seeks relationship with us
- He deserves our worship.
- He wants all that we are not just a part-time relationship.

Why is this true: Your words either feed or starve your circumstance.

How do you see the 'ruins of your past' becoming the praise of God's glory?

Are you ashamed of your past? Why so?

Why do you think God gets so much glory and praise from working with our shameful pasts?