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Isaiah 61:1-8

We often think of Isaiah 61 as the beautiful passage quoted by Jesus in His home synagogue when He declared himself to be the fulfillment of prophecy and the long-awaited Messiah (Luke 4:17-19).

Other saints involved in ministry, including some nonprofit organizations, also highlight these words from Isaiah: "To bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners" (Isaiah 61:1). These phrases are mission statements to help light the way for those who struggle within emotional or literal prisons.

While the beginning of this passage is meaningful as a prophecy and a mission statement, the end contains a promise. God will reward His people and make sure justice wins. Although our world seems destined to embrace all types of wrongdoing?robbery, murders, and perverse behaviors?we can know with a certainty that at some point, God will say, "Enough!"

Even when our human justice systems fail, God's system never breaks down.

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