

Hope is Hard to Find

- For the first time ever, fewer than ____% of Americans say their mental health is “excellent.” (Gallup)
- _____ people died by suicide in the U.S. in 2023, about one death every ____ minutes. (CDC)
- ____% of Americans say they would rather live in the past than the future. Only ____% chose the future. (Pew)

The mess doesn't end when _____.

Mess #1:

Mess #2:

Mess #3:

“But you, _____... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel.” (Micah 5:2)

“Out of _____ I called my son.” (Hosea 11:1)

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a _____ will bear fruit.” (Isaiah 11:1, NIV)

6 Scriptures to Find the Message in the Mess

Luke 2:10-11 (NIV) But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

 **Goal:** When fear hits this week, declare hope in the Savior who is here and begin turning a personal mess into a story of grace.

Romans 15:13 (NIV) May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

 **Goal:** When your life feels messy, ask God to fill you with His joy and peace so that hope overflows into every situation.

Isaiah 61:3 (NIV) And provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

 **Goal:** When you see the ashes of your mess, consciously trade them for God's beauty by thanking Him for how He is rebuilding your life.

Psalms 147:3 (NIV) He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

 **Goal:** When your heart feels broken by the mess, bring that specific hurt to God in prayer and ask Him to begin His healing work there.

Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV) Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

 **Goal:** When the mess feels too heavy, intentionally pause and say, “Jesus, I come to You,” and choose one burden to hand over to Him.

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV) But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.  **Goal:** Carry God's power inside!

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