

**WELCOME TO**

**New Life**

A series of seven colorful, hand-painted brush strokes radiating from the right side of the 'New Life' text. The strokes are in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, light blue, dark blue, and purple, arranged in a semi-circular pattern.

**CHURCH CRAWLEY**



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME BECAUSE  
THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING  
GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR;

HE HAS SENT ME TO

UNBIND  
UP THE  
BROKEN  
HEARTED,

TO  
PROCLAIM LIBERTY

TO THE

CAPTIVES,

AND THE  
OPENING  
OF THE PRISON  
TO THOSE WHO ARE BOUND...

ISAIAH 61:1

**God wants us to live a free life:  
bible says it was for freedom  
that Christ has set us free  
(Gal 5:1).**

***HOW* can we live a life of  
freedom? Isaiah 61**

# **WE CAN WE LIVE IN FREEDOM WHEN WE PURSUE THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT**

**ISA 61:1-3**

- Jesus manifesto of ministry - **Luke 4:14-18**
- Jesus is living this out in practice - **Acts 10:38**
- We need power of Spirit in church - **Zech 4:6**

*“If we desire the “hand of God” (i.e., his power) to return to our churches, we should focus less on the personalities and abilities of people, and more on Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

**Jim Cymbala,  
Storm: Hearing Jesus for the  
Times We Live In**







**Prayer Ministry Skills: Training Evening**  
**Sunday 12th May 6pm**  
*in church building*

# **WHAT LESSONS ARE THERE FOR US AS A CHURCH?**

1. Living in the freedom of the Spirit means.....

**WE CAN RECEIVE COMFORT**

- There is a letting go of holding onto the past.
- There's a letting go of unforgiveness and hurt.
- There's a letting go of unrealistic expectations.
- There's a letting go of anxiety.
- There's a letting go of fear.

We have to follow His wisdom in the “letting go” and the “rearranging” He does in our lives.



# **WHAT LESSONS ARE THERE FOR US AS A CHURCH?**

## **2. LIVING IN THE FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT MEANS.....**

**WE CAN RELEASE CONTROL**

**John 3:8** - *“The wind blows wherever it pleases.”*

**Prov 14:4** - *“Without oxen a stable stays clean”*

**Isa 43:18-19** *“See, I am doing a new thing!”*

**Mark 2:22** *“new wine requires new wineskins”*

**GET COMFORTABLE WITH BEING UNCOMFORTABLE!!**

# **WHAT LESSONS ARE THERE FOR US AS A CHURCH?**

## **3. LIVING IN THE FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT MEANS.....**

**WE CAN RENEW COMMITMENT**



Irish Road Sign

**YIELD!!!**

**HUMILITY is  
KEY and  
THE key in  
this new era.**

**“God is attracted to weakness. He can’t resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need Him.”**

**Jim Cymbala**



***How is this possible? I'm a young mum,  
I have a demanding job, etc***

**Brother Lawrence - Lord of the pots &  
pans - “practising the presence of God”**

***Goal: to increase our awareness of and  
dependence on His personal presence.***



# CONCLUSION:

**AS A CHURCH I KNOW GOD WANTS US TO  
LIVE IN THE FREEDOM OF THE SPIRIT.**

- ***Receive His comfort*** - we can then let go
- ***Release control*** - we can enjoy new wine
- ***Renew our commitment*** - yield to God in humility.



# Prayer Ministry