

LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES

A person with curly hair, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and purple leggings, stands on the peak of a rugged, snow-dusted mountain. Their arms are outstretched horizontally, framing the large text above them. The background features a vast mountain range under a soft, hazy sky with pink and orange tones, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

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The Kingdom of Happy Land



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“I will put my Spirit on Him
and He will bring justice to
the nations . . . He will not
falter or be discouraged till
He establishes justice on
earth...”

Isaiah 42



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Video – the beatitudes

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The background of the entire slide is a photograph of a mountain range at sunset. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and purples, with wispy clouds. In the foreground, a dark, rugged mountain peak rises, its slopes appearing to have some snow or light-colored rock. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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What?

Description of living as a
child of God

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The LORD has anointed me to bring good news to
the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the broken-hearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released and
prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell
those who mourn that the time of the LORD's
favour has come

Isaiah 61

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- Challenge to the rules and hierarchy

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Blessed- **makarioi**


To be fully satisfied

To be happy and complete in God,
regardless of the circumstances

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Omnipotent

Eternal

Unchanging

Omnipresent

Glorious

All knowing

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Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies
Isaiah 6

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Life's Healing Choices 1

- We all try to play God at times by attempting to control our image, other people, our problems, our pain. Why do you feel the need to be in control? List some of the ways you try to control.
- Read Romans 7:15-17. Can you relate to that? Share your thoughts with God.
- The first healing choice is to admit your powerlessness to change your past, control other people and to cope with your problems in your own strength. Which of these do you struggle with the most?
- Where do you need to learn to trust God? Ask someone you trust to pray to help you to grow in this process.

If everything was stripped away is God
enough for us?

Do we truly realise how much He is
worth and how weak and poor we are?
When we simply come...that is being
poor in spirit.



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What is God saying to you?

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