



GROWING DEEP. STANDING STRONG. BEARING GOOD FRUIT.

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THEME:

OAK OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS



"He will be like an oak of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor."

ISAIAH 61:3











3rd Day Cry out for Jesus

To everyone who's lost someone they love, Long before it was their time You feel
like the days you had were not enough When you said goodbye

And to all of the people with burdens and pains, Keeping you back from your life
You believe that there's nothing and there is no one Who can make it right

There is hope for the helpless, Rest for the weary And love for the broken heart
And there is grace and forgiveness, Mercy and healing. He'll meet you wherever
you are Cry out to Jesus, Cry out to Jesus

For the marriage that's struggling just to hang on They've lost all of their faith in
love And they've done all they can to make it right again, still it's not enough
For the ones who can't break the addictions and chains You try to give up but you
come back again

Just remember that you're not alone in your shame And your suffering

Isaiah 61:1–3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,^[a]
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ 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.
**They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.**

To "**bind up the brokenhearted**" is a powerful metaphor for providing profound emotional, spiritual, and psychological healing to those who are suffering from deep grief, trauma, or a crushed spirit.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

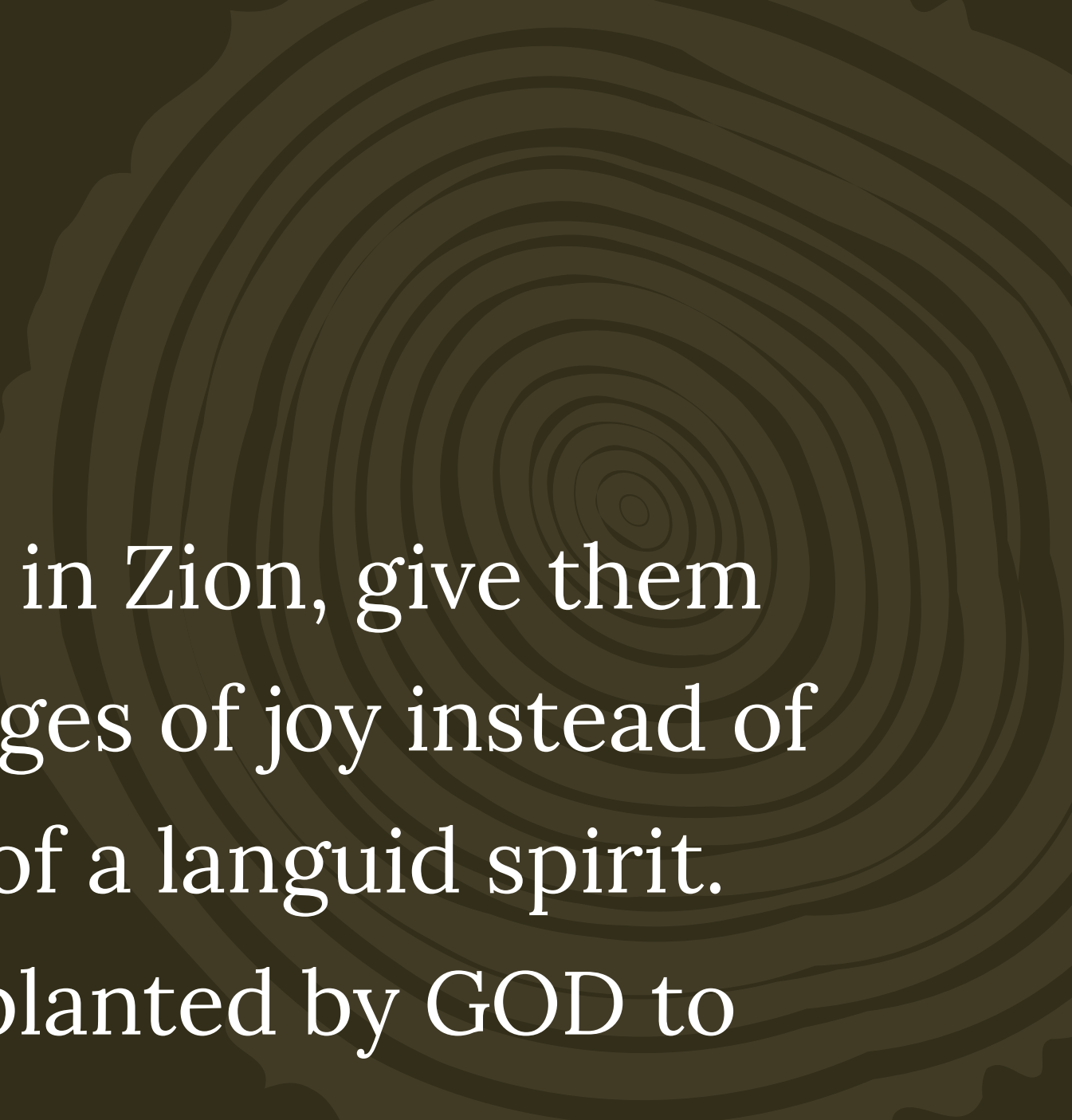
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”^[f]

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”



.....SIGN, SEALED AND DELIVERED....I AM YOURS



...To care for the needs of all who mourn in Zion, give them bouquets of roses instead of ashes, Messages of joy instead of news of doom, a praising heart instead of a languid spirit. Rename them “Oaks of Righteousness” planted by GOD to display his glory.



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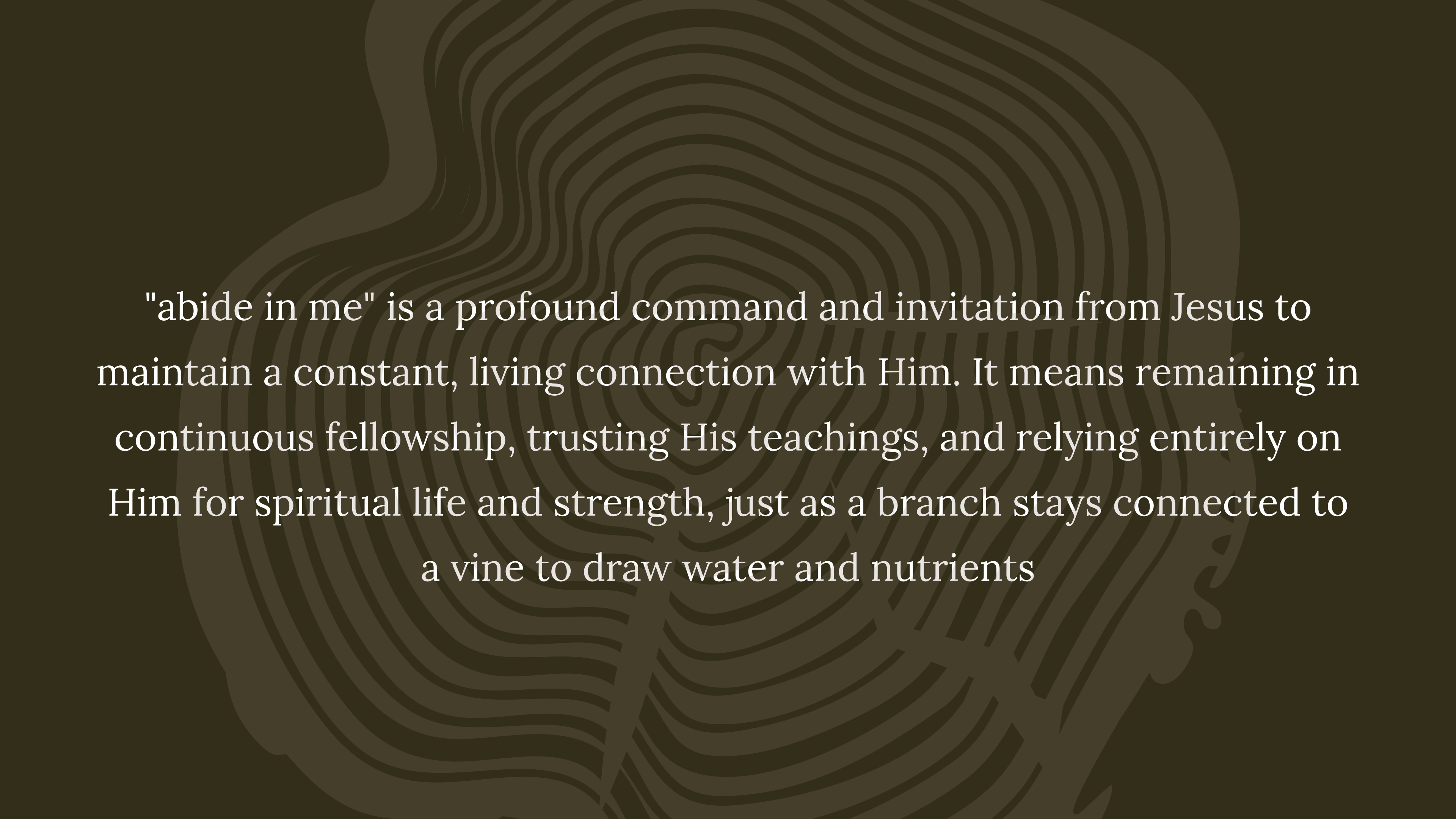
This promise of comfort and of calling to be oaks of righteousness is for all who call on the name of Jesus. Our mourning or lament over sin is replaced with the oil of gladness and the garment of praise because of Jesus. Through His righteousness, we become oaks of righteousness.



John 15:1-5

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.



"abide in me" is a profound command and invitation from Jesus to maintain a constant, living connection with Him. It means remaining in continuous fellowship, trusting His teachings, and relying entirely on Him for spiritual life and strength, just as a branch stays connected to a vine to draw water and nutrients

*Are Restored people “oaks of righteousness” are people deeply rooted in God, flourishing by His power, and displaying His glory to the world

*Have Deep Roots and Resilience (believers whose foundation in God is deep enough to endure life’s hardship without being uprooted)

*Have Growth and longevity

Oak trees are long-living, slow-growing, majestic tree

-takes 75 yrs to develop / leaves to about 200yrs

-Mature faith that grows over time and remains green and flourishing even in old age or during difficult seasons

*Are Divine planting = Planting of the Lord does not come from self-effort but of grace planted and nurtured by God

*There is fruitfulness and Spiritual strength which comes from connection to Him

Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.