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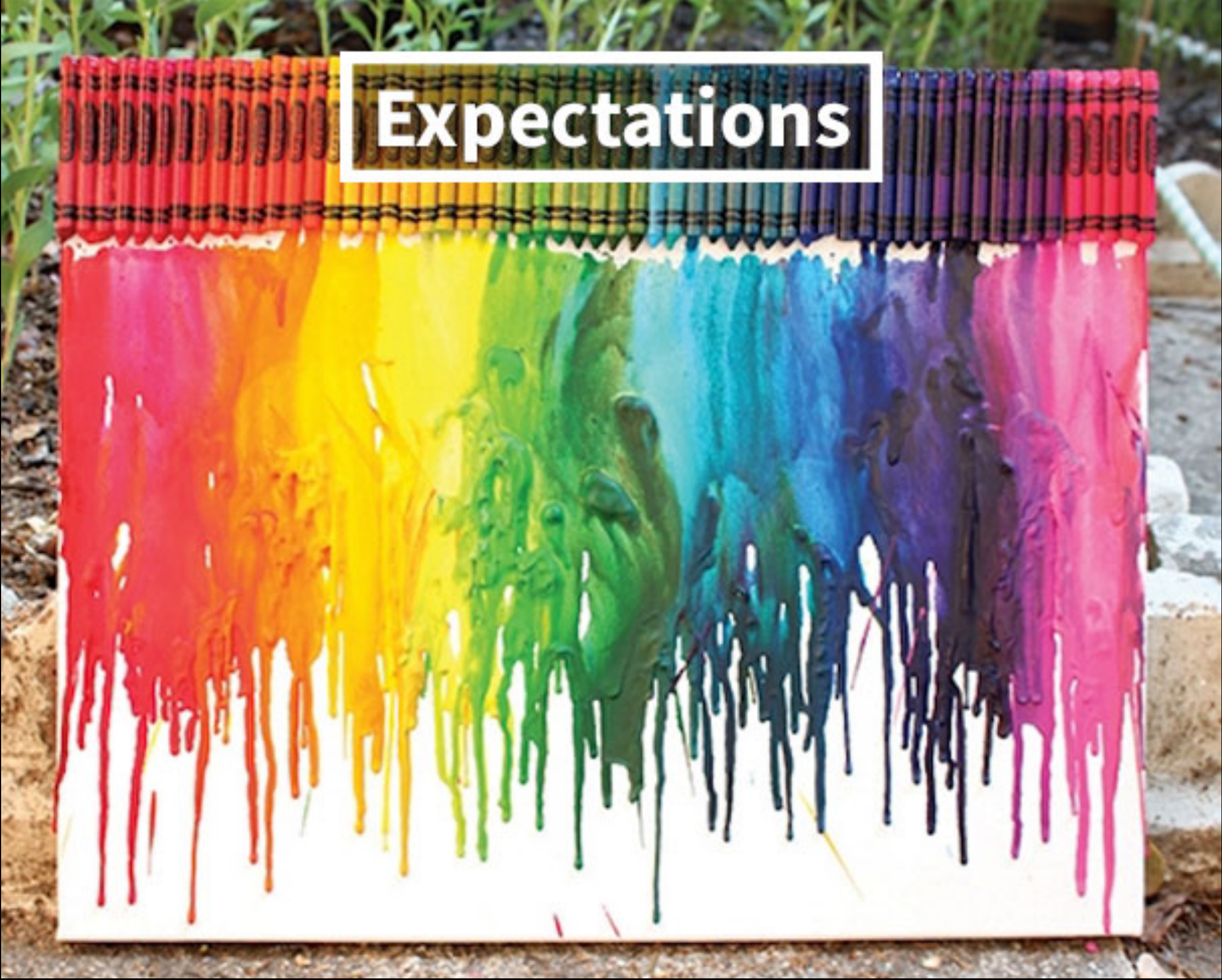
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Our God is not intimidated by broken things...
He is a God of RENEWAL.

God doesn't just do renewal.

He SENDS His people to bring it into the world.

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— 2 Timothy 2:20-21

Renewal begins with PERSONAL CONSECRATION.

Before God renews spaces **THROUGH** us...

He wants to renew the heart/mind/soul **WITHIN** us.

Our holiness *directly affects* our ability to bring renewal into the world.

“You are the *salt* of the earth...”

“You are the *light* of the world...”

— Jesus, Matthew 5

Salt preserves.

Salt purifies.

Salt slows decay.

Light exposes.

Light illuminates.

Light helps people see again.

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Holiness affects **USEFULNESS**.

**And some of us want PUBLIC IMPACT
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God sends His people to renew what
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ISAIAH 58:6-12 says TRUE DEVOTION to GOD:

“loosens chains of injustice,”

“feeds the hungry”

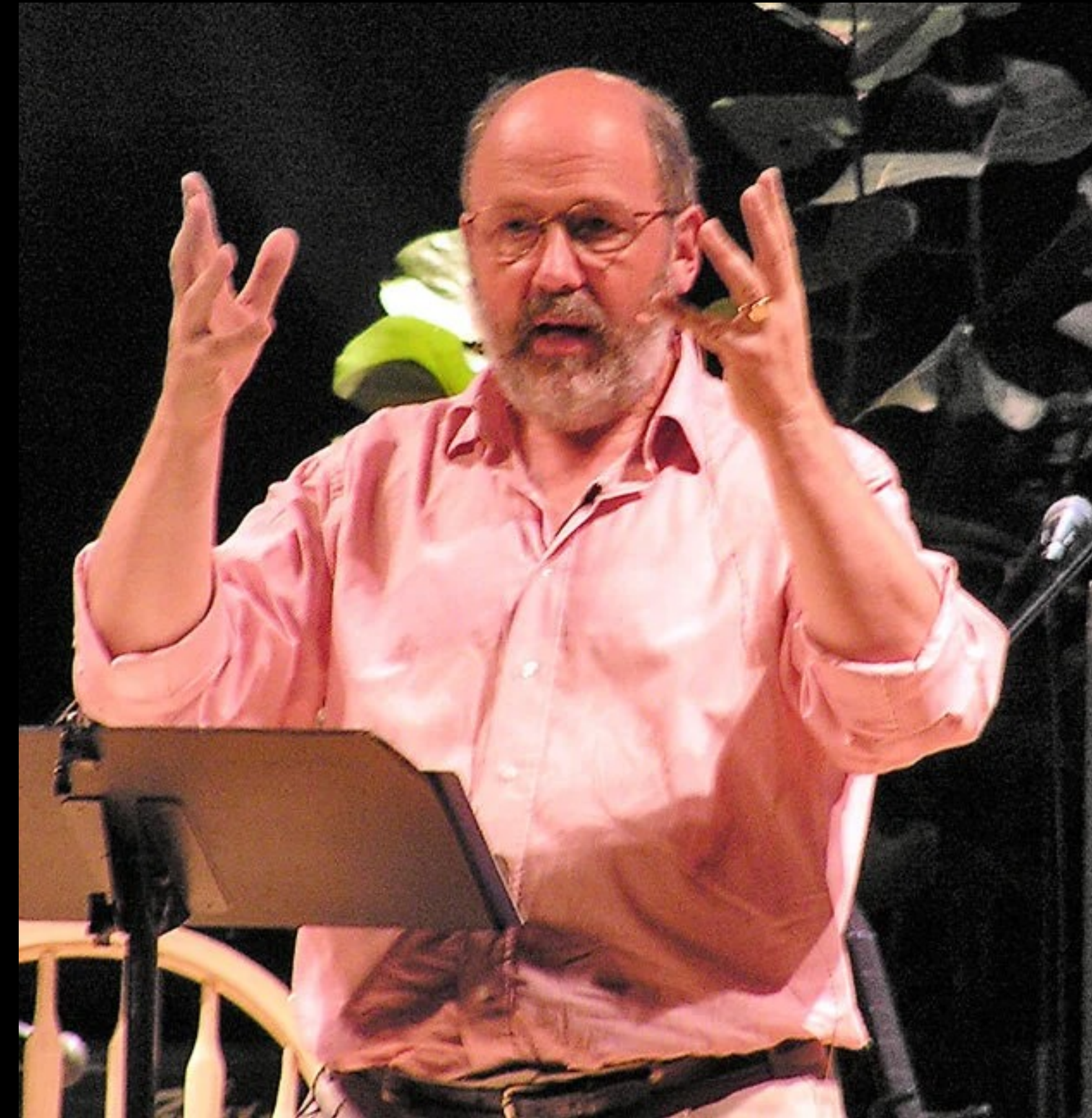
“shelters the vulnerable”

“rebuilds broken walls”

“restores broken homes”

God’s vision of holiness has always included renewal.

“The mission of the Church is not simply to get people into heaven, but to bring the life of heaven into the world.”
— NT Wright, Theologian





FOSTER CARE
Awareness
MONTH

\$102,000
given



\$98,000
needed of
\$200,000 goal

FOSTER THE CITY

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“Just because Paul’s thorn wasn’t removed doesn’t mean his prayer wasn’t answered. He perceived a response from God, which he shared in his letter to the church in Corinth. Right after describing his pain and his prayer about it, he writes this:

“And [God] has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.’ Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.”

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“I can’t speak to insults or persecutions, but I can relate to the weaknesses and distresses. To be “well content with distress” is quite a paradox, but I think I get it. I think that’s where I landed on that Sunday afternoon when I laid on my bed and surrendered my sanity to God. While I was distressed to tears, on a deeper spiritual level, once I surrendered my sanity to God, I was at peace with bearing my thorn because--in short--Jesus had taught me to trust him...”

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...”In Gethsemane, He teaches us to pour out our deepest anxieties and desires to God, to emote fully before the One who made us. And then instead of fixating on getting what we want, he teaches us to surrender our will to God’s better one in saying, “yet not what I will, but what you will.”

“Ultimately, Jesus chose to submit and endure the cross and all its anxiety “for the joy set before him”: the glorious reunion of God with His beloved children. Jesus’s suffering was anything but pointless. The same is true of yours and mine.”

— Tiffany Ciccone, **Author**

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What would happen if every believer saw themselves as an instrument of renewal wherever they already are?



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Founder of *WALKING YOU THROUGH IT*

“SNOOKY” RICO

Founder of *LOVING YOU THROUGH IT*

The power to renew the world does not come from us.
It comes from Jesus.

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Renewal flows from relationship.

From *prayer*.

From *repentance*.

From *surrender*.

From *intimacy*.

From *holiness*.

You cannot pour out living water when you are spiritually dehydrated.