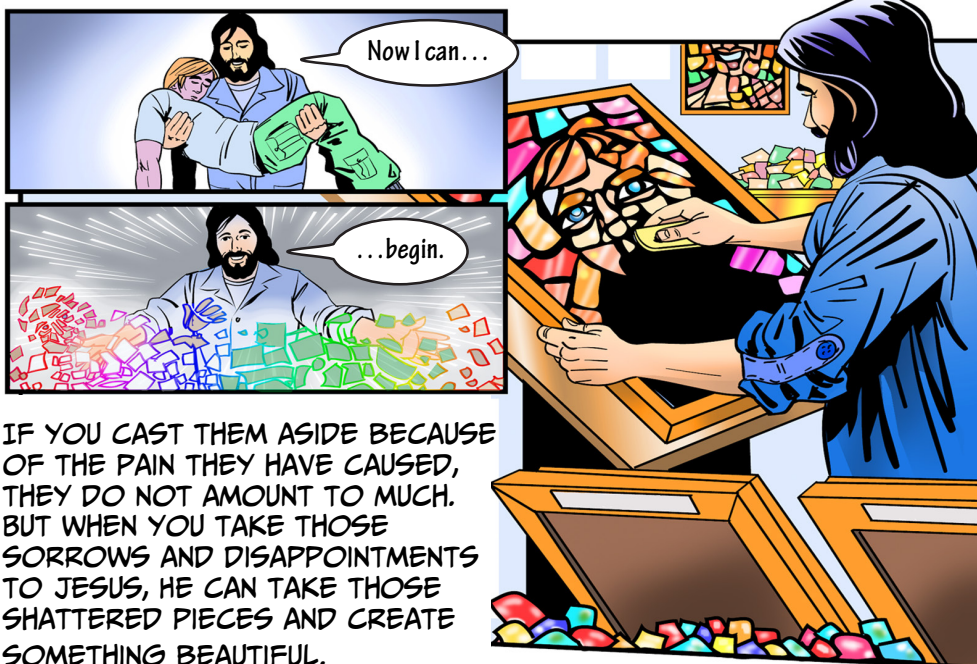


A MASTERPIECE IN THE MAKING

EVERYONE FACES TIMES OF STRUGGLE, DISAPPOINTMENT, AND LOSS. THESE FEELINGS CAN BE OVERWHELMING AND LEAVE YOU WONDERING WHAT TO DO AND WHO TO TURN TO.

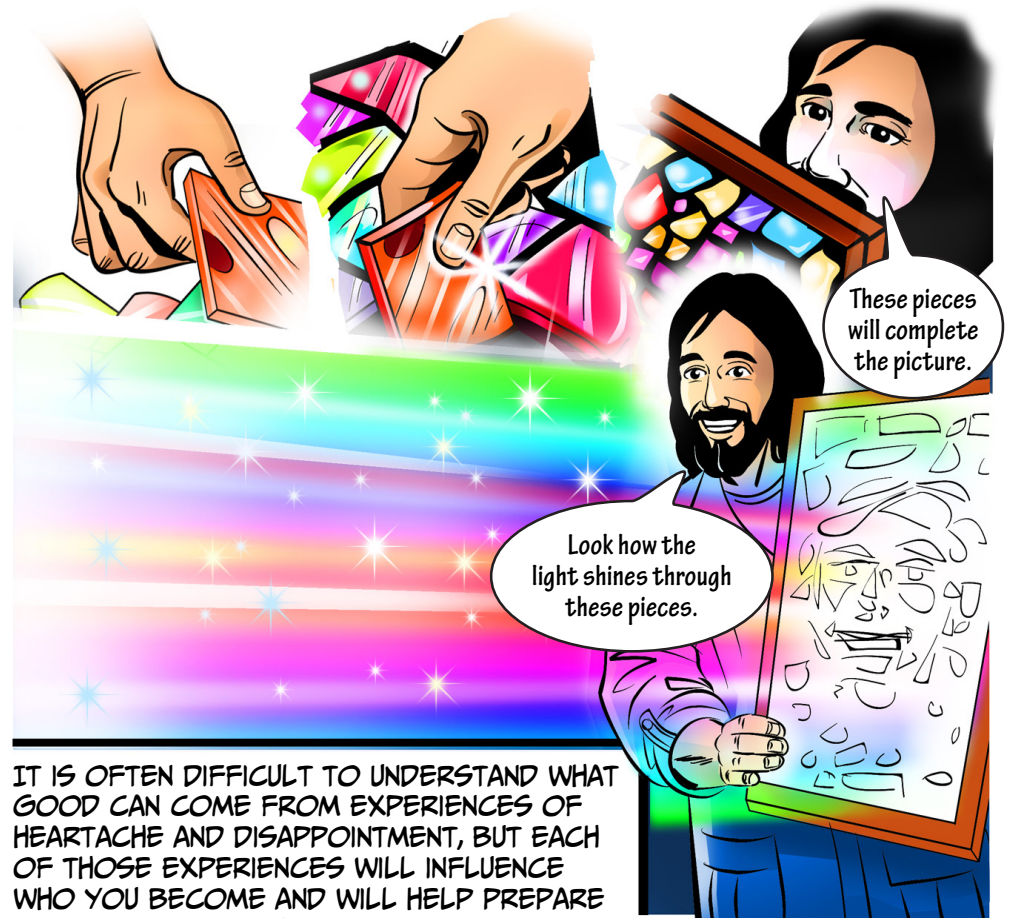


HEARTACHE AND THE BROKENNESS ARE NOT THE END. CONSIDER THE "BROKEN PIECES" OF YOUR HEARTACHES, STRUGGLES, DISAPPOINTMENTS, AND LOSS LIKE SHARDS OF COLORED GLASS.



IF YOU CAST THEM ASIDE BECAUSE OF THE PAIN THEY HAVE CAUSED, THEY DO NOT AMOUNT TO MUCH. BUT WHEN YOU TAKE THOSE SORROWS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS TO JESUS, HE CAN TAKE THOSE SHATTERED PIECES AND CREATE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.

¹ See 2 Corinthians 5:17.



IT IS OFTEN DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT GOOD CAN COME FROM EXPERIENCES OF HEARTACHE AND DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT EACH OF THOSE EXPERIENCES WILL INFLUENCE WHO YOU BECOME AND WILL HELP PREPARE YOU FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES.

JESUS CAN TAKE THE BROKEN PIECES OF YOUR LIFE AND CREATE A BEAUTIFUL WORK OF ART. NOT ONE THAT IS SUPERFICIAL OR JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE'S, BUT A MASTERPIECE UNIQUE TO YOU AND THE RESULT OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT YOU HAVE FACED.



JESUS CAN BRING JOY TO YOUR HEART AND REPLACE THE STRUGGLES WITH PEACE. HE CAN SHINE HIS LIGHT THROUGH THE BROKENNESS TO SHOW THE BEAUTY CREATED IN YOUR LIFE.

This doesn't look right. Something is missing.

These pieces will complete the picture.

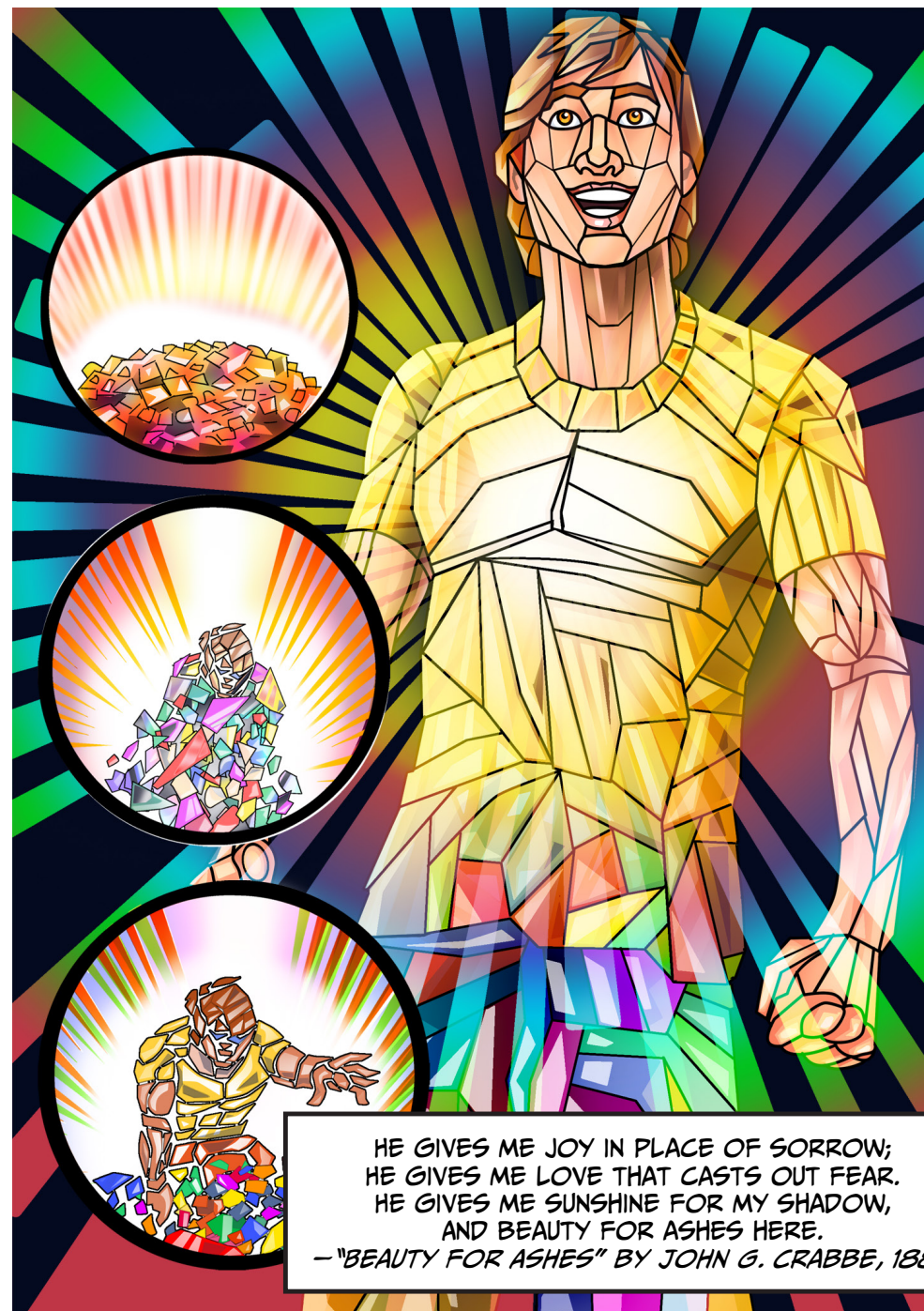
Look at that beauty!

Why do I feel this way? Is something missing?

Thank You for bringing joy to my heart again!

Although this struggle is difficult, I have learned so much from it. Help me not to lose hope, Jesus.

LET THE LIGHT OF GOD'S SPIRIT SHINE THROUGH THE STRUGGLES AND DIFFICULTIES YOU FACE. IT WILL LIGHT YOUR SHATTERED PIECES, REVEALING BEAUTIFUL COLORS, ENHANCING DEPTH, ADDING LIGHT AND BEAUTY TO THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO WALK IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS.



HE GIVES ME JOY IN PLACE OF SORROW;
HE GIVES ME LOVE THAT CASTS OUT FEAR.
HE GIVES ME SUNSHINE FOR MY SHADOW,
AND BEAUTY FOR ASHES HERE.
— "BEAUTY FOR ASHES" BY JOHN G. CRABBE, 1889