

beautiful interruptions  
uninvited distractions

Luke 7:36 - 8:3

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oh how i wish i could have the courage  
that you've displayed here  
to be so free of care

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i can see you're still unsure  
but the way that you stepped out  
and embraced him in love  
brought a tear to my eye

i look at you  
broken  
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in tears  
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yes... you  
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beautiful, tired, teary, broken, passionate and loving you

**Action:** write a letter to someone who's faith and life has inspired you. consider mailing it after this gathering.

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your ministry is just so beautiful  
it leaves behind it such a stunning scent  
a feeling of warmth  
a lingering sense of spirit  
an echo of compassion and love

you bring such a beautiful gift  
it makes me wonder  
begs me to dream  
of what has happened in your life  
for you to want to share your gift like this

your compassion  
your tears, your passion  
are now forever linked with this smell  
that echos within my imagination  
and brings me to tears

i am so honoured that you'd share yourself like this  
so inspired  
so energised  
so in awe  
so...

**Action:** spray some of the perfume onto your wrist

**Prayer:** pray for those who's ministries leave you in awe. pray for those who don't see their ministry in the same beautiful light as you see their ministry.

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so very beautiful...  
are your tears  
streaming down your face  
leaving beautiful lines shining on your cheeks

how humble you make me feel  
that you can share yourself so openly  
unconcerned about how others may judge  
how others may stare  
as your precious gift falls gently

you inspire me  
your courage challenges me  
your passion unsettles me  
your pain touches me  
your love brings me to tears

**Action:** rip a tear from the paper provided for each time you have found yourself overwhelmed, inspired and/or in awe of another's gift's, courage and passion.

**Pray:** for the freedom to live out our own passions, to be let go from feelings of embarrassment or fear that may get in the way of you living out your passion.

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hair...

your hair is so matted  
it's a wreck  
scruffy, split and knotted  
dirt and dandruff falls steadily to the ground  
and the smell reminds me that you haven't washed it for a while

there's something about it however  
that has me redefining what i call beautiful  
that leaves me transfixed  
that reminds me of a time  
where i first came to know god

it's colour is more vibrant  
it's texture so fragile and intoxicating  
and, the more you wipe away your tears  
the scent of the perfume grows  
and the more matted it becomes

let me sit here and watch  
let time stop just enough for me to really see  
let my daydreaming stop enough for me to soak in the beauty  
let my god meet me here and now  
as i see the spirit's passion live out in you

**Action:** take a paint brush and paint some more hair onto this painting, with each stroke, every strand of hair thank god for those times where you've been able to watch, to observe and to experience god's surprising grace through an unexpected person.

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we are surrounded with so much beauty  
by people who regularly surprise us  
by communities that regularly inspire us  
by the constant reminder that you are not stuck within the four walls of our churches  
by the constant whisper of your grace that knows no bounds  
we are people who are regularly reminded that your vision and grace is not something that we own  
we are blessed people

as we leave here we pray

god  
when we are complacent, please surprise us  
when we are uninspired, please give us dreams  
when our communities become closed, let us meet people who challenge us  
when we see your grace being lived out, let us be warmed  
when others share their lives with us, let us listen and be curious  
when our lives are without beauty, open our eyes to the world around us  
when we are tired, meet us with dreams and visions

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