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Aroma – distinctive, typically a pleasant smell, an odor that is usually emitted while something is being done. It is encompassing-surround, encircle, enclose.

Breach – gap, broken wall, an act of breaking a law, promise, agreement, or relationship.

*Sense of smell affects 75% of our daily emotions. Plays an important role in memory. Different than other senses because it is processed first by the limbic system (complex system of nerves and networks in brain, near edge of the cortex concerned with instinct and mood, controls basic emotions (fear, pleasure, anger) and drives(hunger)), the same part of brain responsible for memory, perceptions, and emotions. Only sense that goes directly to the emotional part of the brain without interventions along the way. Sense of smell works 24 hours a day. There are suggestions that smell can influence mood, memory, emotions, mate choice, immune system and hormones. When the aroma of baked bread was released in a supermarket, sales in the bakery section increased threefold.

Diffusing essential oil. I want it to be subtle, enjoyable, not in your face so strong that you are turned off by the aroma.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15(NASB) “14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 “14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and makes visible/clear because of/on account of us the smell of recognizing Him in every place. 15 For we are a sweet smell/good-scentedness of Christ to God among those who to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger, to make well, heal, restore, to save, to bring safe forth from and among those who are delivered up to eternal misery/to incur the loss of true or eternal life.

*Paul compares spreading of gospel to being an aroma telling us that we make visible through our smell others recognizing God in EVERY place. We are good-scentedness of Christ to bring restoration, healing, rescue from danger by our actions (works) (see definition). Everyone breathes in our gospel life. Everyone

does not feel the same way about this smell. Verse 16 “to the one death, to the other an **aroma** of from life.”

HOW?

Galatians 5:16 – let the Holy Spirit guide your lives

Verses 19-21 – when you follow the desires of your sinful nature.....anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Verse 22-26(NLT) “22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** 23 **gentleness, and self-control.** There is no law against these things! 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. 25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives. 26 Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.”

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT) “1 Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with **love**, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.”

Romans 12:1 (NLT) “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a **living and holy sacrifice-the kind he will find acceptable.** This is truly the way to worship him.”

*Spread the gospel... “And who is adequate for these things?” (2 Corinthians 2:16)

*I do not feel adequate, I am not adequate.

DO SOMETHING GOD!!!!!!

HE DID, HE CREATED YOU, ME, US!!!

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”

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Isaiah 58:1,6,12 “1 Proclaim loudly, keep on from evil/calamity; lift up your voice like a shophar, and make known, especially of proclaiming wisdom, power, loving kindness to My people their rebellion, and to the house of Jacob their sins. 6 Is this not the fast which I choose, to open the band of a wrong, especially moral-iniquity, to free/loose the burden of the oppression, and to send the broken go free and be drawn away from every oppression? 12 Those from among you will repair the long duration/continuous existence of desolation/state of complete emptiness; you will stand up/arise fix firm/close every generations foundation; and you will be named the repairer of the gap, broken wall, broken agreement the turn back to God the paths in which to sit, remain.

*The Prophet Isaiah was a bold uncompromising man of God. He did not seek the favor of the people or the religious leaders of Judah; he only sought the favor of God (as should we). The rebellion the Lord spoke of through Isaiah was the abandonment of the Word of God (Isaiah 1:2-they have rebelled against Me; Isaiah 58:1- declare to My people their rebellion; google rebellion Isaiah; biblehub.com – rebellion Isaiah in the enter reference or keyword search bar).

HOW are we to be the aroma of God, to be a watchman who raises our voices as a shophar, to free the burden of the oppressed, to fix firm every generations foundation, to be a repairer of the broken agreement and turn back to God the paths in which to remain?

Starts with us individually—repair and restore the breach with us first. No control over what others do; however do have control over what we do. When we repair our own personal breach with God, the breach in the wall begins to close. This comes by praying; seeking the Face of God, reading His Word, knowing the truth of His Word, having a willing and obedient heart.

