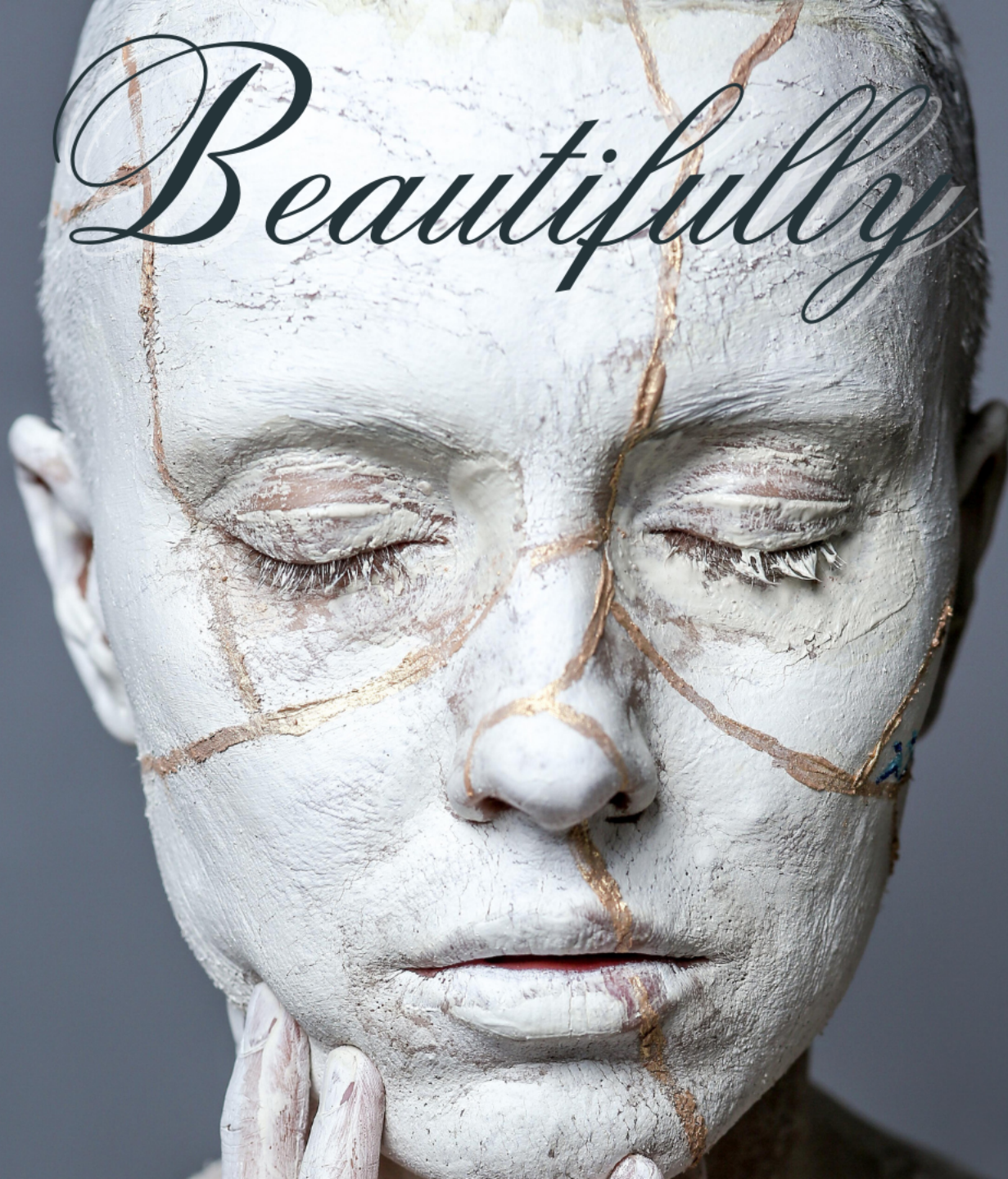


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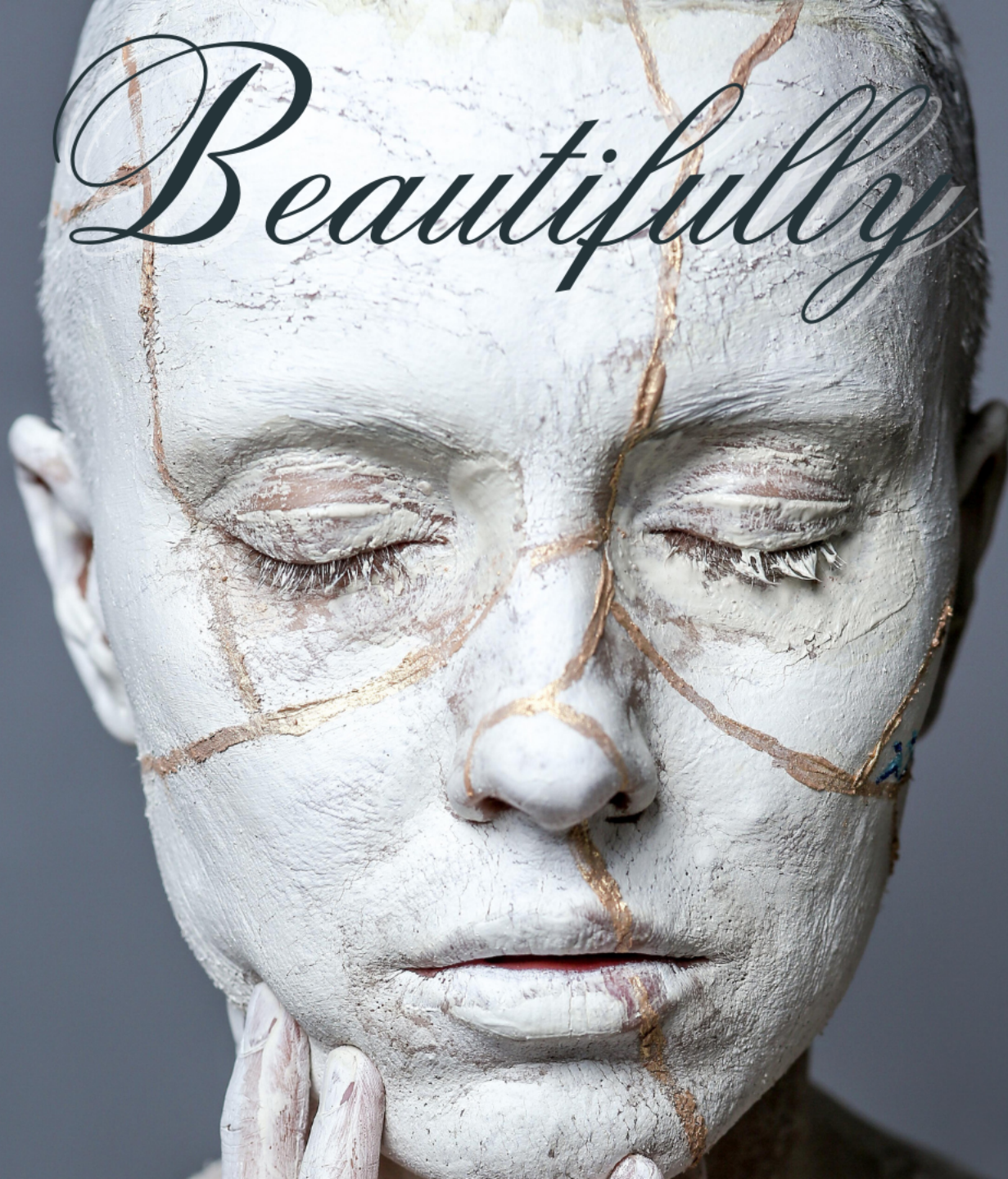


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Icebreaker:

1. What things become better when they are broken?

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"The trouble with quotes on the Internet is that you can never know if they are genuine."

Abraham Lincoln



"Do, or do not.

There is no try."

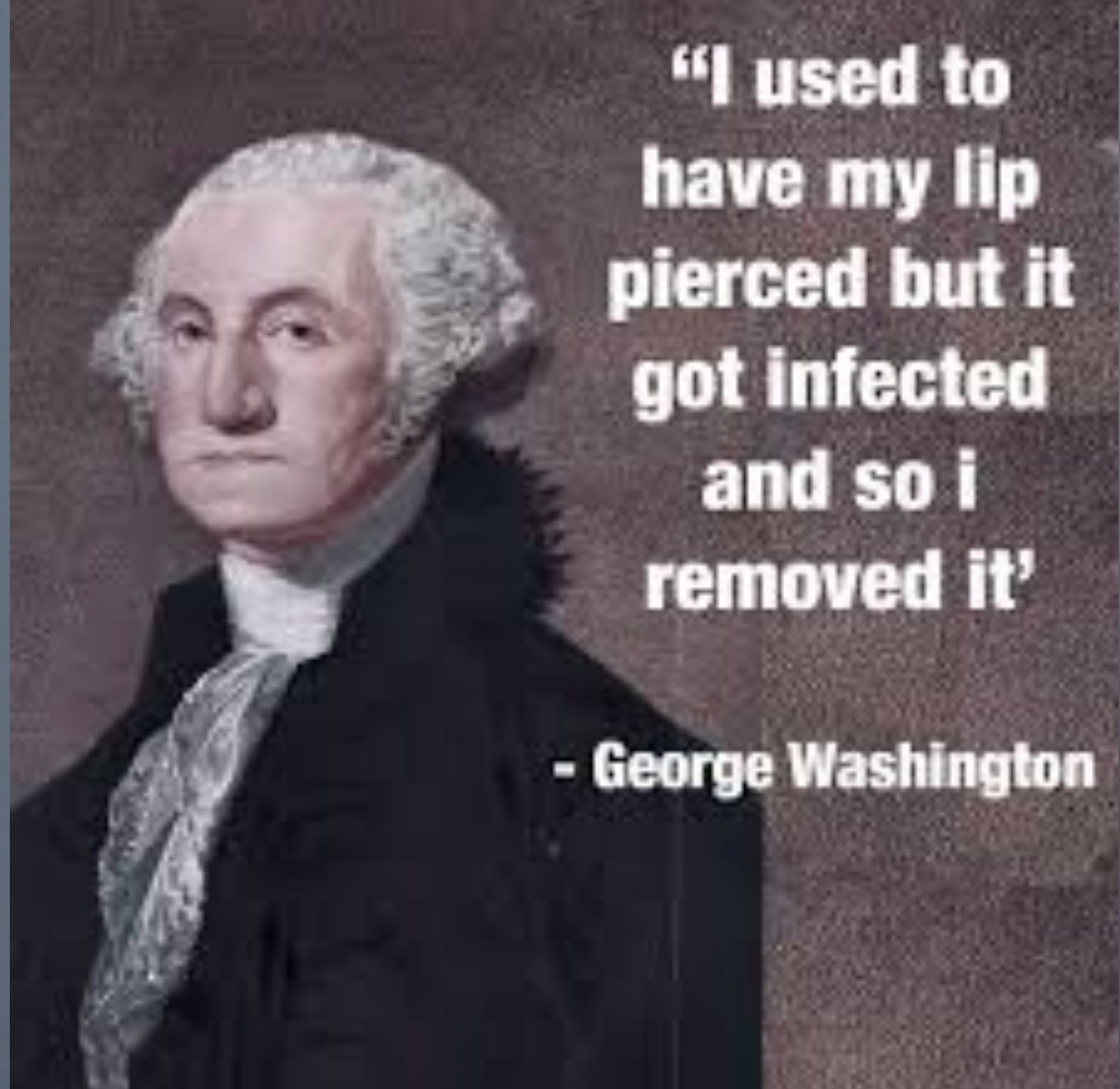
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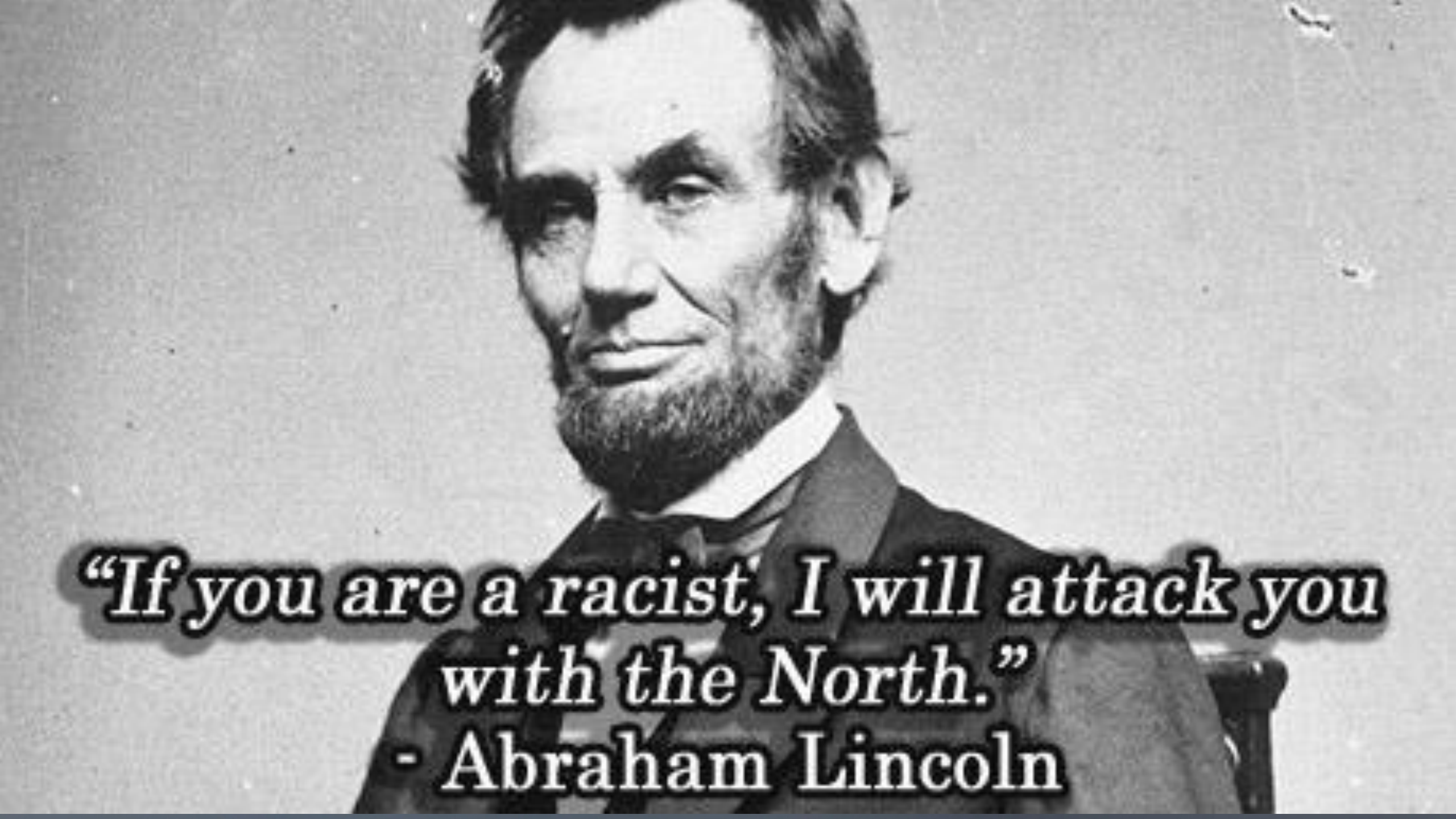
Hold my beer,
imma do some
sick flips.

HELEN KELLER.



**“I used to
have my lip
pierced but it
got infected
and so i
removed it’**

- George Washington

A black and white portrait of Abraham Lincoln, showing him from the chest up. He has a full beard and is wearing a dark suit with a white shirt and a dark bow tie. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a calm expression.

***“If you are a racist, I will attack you
with the North.”
- Abraham Lincoln***

Empty Gestures

Psalm 51:16

You Do not delight in Sacrifice, or I would
bring it.

You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings

Psalms 51:1-6 (NIV)

Empty Gestures

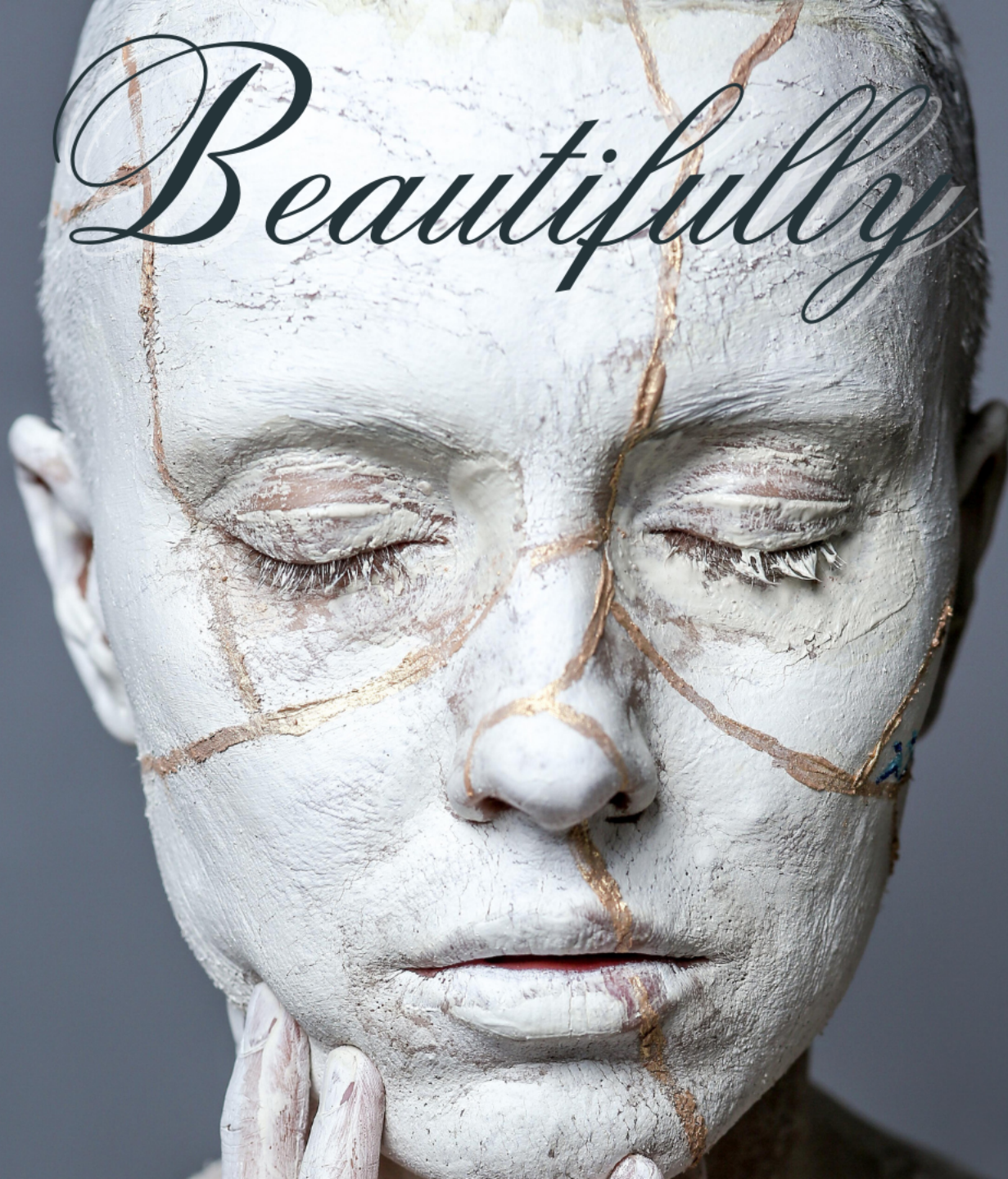
Psalm 51:16

Questions:

10:00

1. Read Isaiah 58. How does the message God gives Isaiah parallel with what David writes in Psalm 51:16?
2. It has been said that the key to prayer is to pray even when you don't want to. Do you agree with that statement? Could that be considered an empty gesture? If not, what is the difference?
3. Should God's happiness matter more than our needs? If so, does this not portray God as selfish?

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God's Desire

Psalm 51:17

My Sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart
You, God, will not despise.

Psalms 51:17 (NIV)

God's Desire

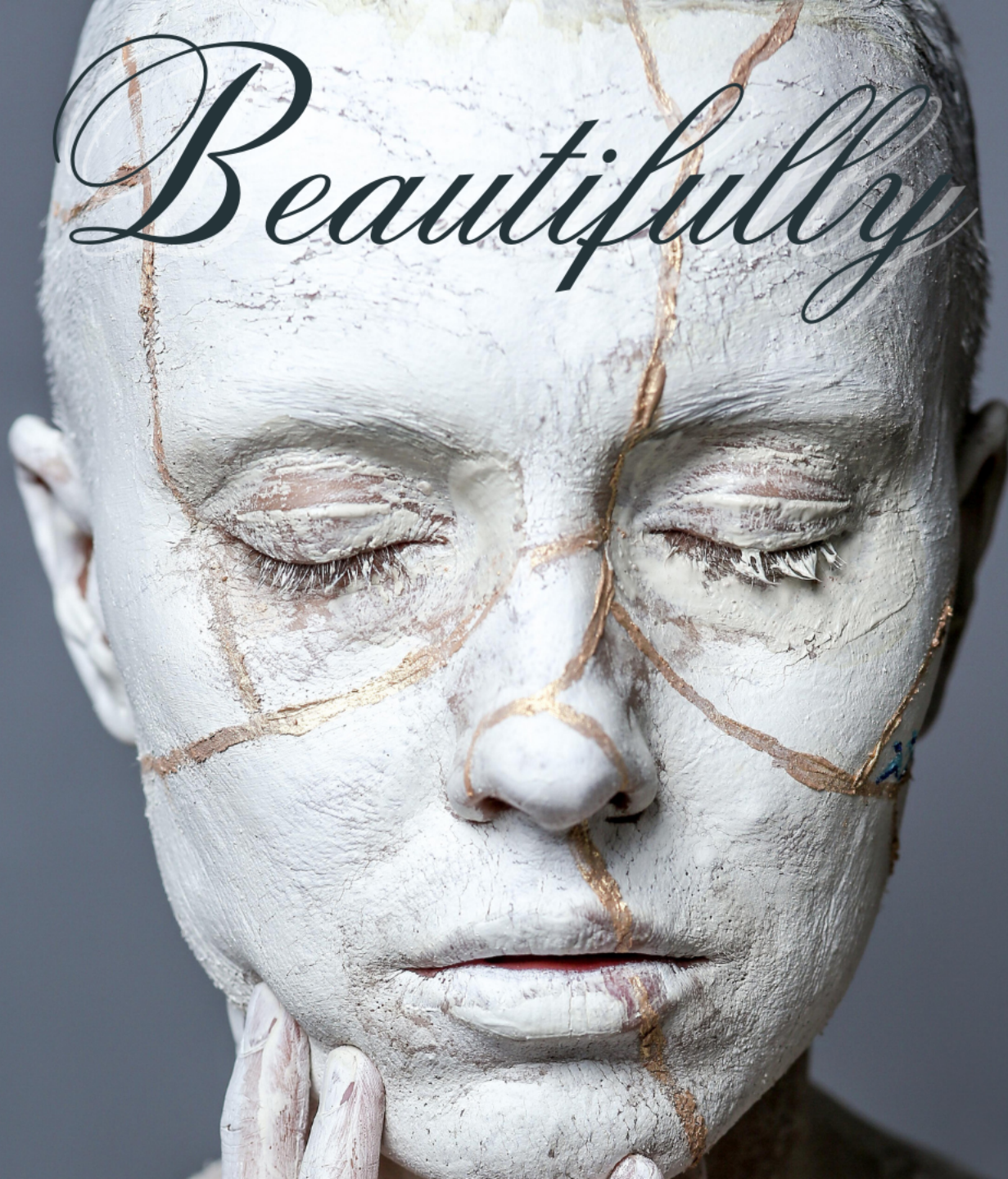
Psalm 51:17

Questions:

10:00

1. What other verses speak to God's desire for us to be broken?
What do these verses say to us about our faith?
2. When you hear God wants you, even at your worst. How does that make you feel? Why?
3. Why does God only want us at our broken and worst? Does this not sound like some kind of hero complex? Does God really love us or does he just want to save us for his own reputation?

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Spiritually Whole

Psalm 51:18-19

May it please you to prosper Zion,
To build up the walls of Jerusalem
Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the
righteous,
In burnt offerings offered whole;
Then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 51:18-19 (NIV)

Spiritually Whole

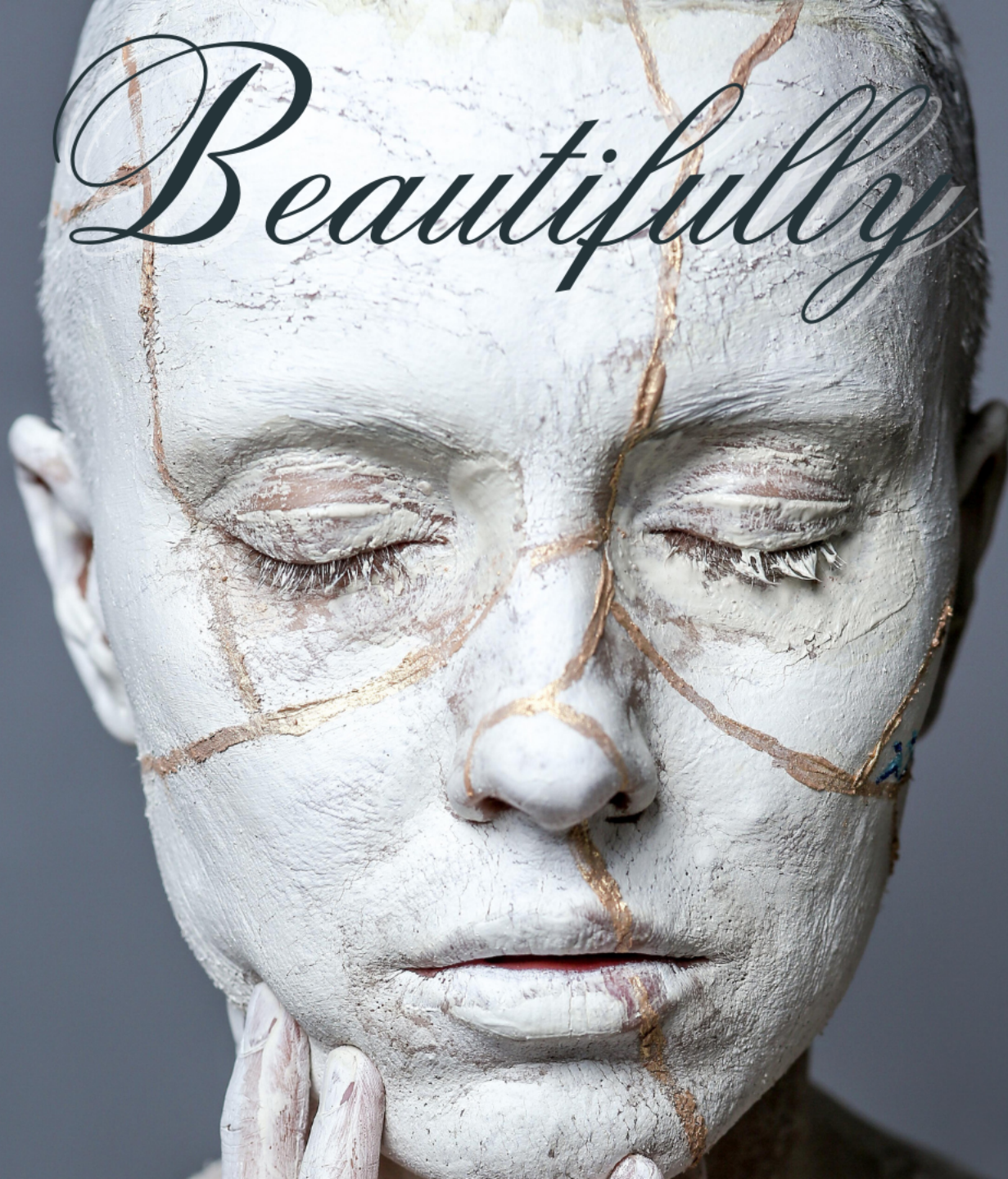
Psalm 51:18-19

Questions:

10:00

1. Can you think of other biblical characters who found wholeness through their brokenness? What do we learn from their stories?
2. Speak of a time where you found wholeness through a dark time or through a struggle. How did this impact your relationship with God?
3. Do you agree that authentic worship comes from a beautifully broken life? Does this suggest that people who have never experienced brokenness cannot have an authentic faith?

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The One Thing:

BEAUTIFULLY BROKEN

IS

BEAUTIFULLY MESSY

Tonight's Responses

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

- Sir Isaac Newton

Communion

Up front

Prayer

In Back*

* Prayer cards available @ Black Box - fill out and place in box.

**Online giving available - donate.thebridgehc.org

Talk

Lobby

Donate

Black Box @ Exit**

Leave

@ Exit



Respond Any Time

