



# THE BEATITUDES



A BLESSED LIFE IN A BROKEN WORLD

*GOOD MOURNING*

*MATHEW 5:4*



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## **Mathew 5:3-12 NIV**

**3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**4 Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.**

**5 Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.**

**6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.**

**7 Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.**

**8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.**

**9 Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.**

**10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of  
righteousness,**

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and  
falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice  
and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the  
same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

## **Megan O'Rourke; why is it hard for Americans to mourn/grieve?**

**1- There is an ever present-ness to grieving and we grow impatient with mourning.**

**2- Mourning places a burden of care on those around us and we don't value caring for others.**

**3- Losing someone highlights that you really can't save anyone, clashing with what culture tells us.**

**4- Language for pain and suffering fails us.**

## **Something communal here:**

- **There's an idea of being connected with and willing to enter into the mourning of those around us.**
- **Part of the blessings of Jesus come to us as we mourn with others**
- **We are God's hands and feet in bringing some comfort to them**

- **Is Jesus talking about mourning losses of life or mourning sin- YES.**
- **Some of this is attached to our innate sense of sadness and sinfulness in this world; the losses we experience because of that.**
- **Like Adam and Eve, we watch the death that comes to everyday experiences and then finally go through death ourselves.**
- **We mourn because of sin.**
- **Original sin; family sins; world's sins; my sin.**
- **If we aren't careful, we can be stubborn to not receive the comfort of Jesus- become defined by our pain/loss.**



- **Is Jesus offering some kind of remedy for mourning?**
- **“Blessed are those who continually mourn”.**
- **There is some aspect of Christian mourning that says everything we have lost will be replaced.**
- **But this seems to indicate that mourning results in something NEW in us.**
- **What could be better than getting back all we have lost?**

## **What is this comfort?**

- 1- An enlarged capacity for my soul to cry out and be filled by the Holy Spirit.**
- 2- A maturity in my heart to know that sorrow and joy can coexist Jesus was a “man of sorrows” AND promised his followers that his “joy may be in your and your joy may be full”**
- 3- That our happiness and joy is in God.**
- 4- There’s a unique communion with God that we enjoy when we mourn.**

- **This comfort is ONLY for believers in Christ.**
- **This comfort was purchased by Jesus' work on the cross and that is where we receive our comfort.**
- **We often spend our entire lives trying to avoid circumstances that bring us sorrow.**
- **The call to follow Jesus is the call to grown into our mourning.**
- **To walk in the pain of this world with a joy that cannot be taken from us.**

- **Jesus doesn't say "Happy is the one who overcomes mourning" or "Happy is the one who beats the heavy feeling of grief that stays with you long after the loss."**
- **"Happy is the one who mourns, for he shall be comforted."**
- **Love Jesus more because he's working to bring your comfort in your mourning.**

