

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn
The Beatitudes
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Matthew 5:4

- Theme: There can be happiness even in DIFFICULT days because we have the opportunity to experience the PROVISION, purpose and PRESENCE of God.
- Incorrect thinking
 - 1) We think bad things shouldn't happen to GOOD people.
 - Hebrews 11:35-40
 - ✓ Thank God that He isn't FAIR. If He were fair, we would have to pay for our SIN OURSELVES.
 - 2) We think PAIN always means something is WRONG. - James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT
 - ✓ Move from SHOCK - sorrow - STRUGGLE... to SURRENDER - sanctification - SERVICE.
 - 3) We think we know what's BEST - Isaiah 55:8-9; 57:1, Psalm 34:18
 - ✓ I've got this ~ GOD!
- From mourning to comfort - 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 NIV
 - 1) Refocus on what's happening IN ME, not TO ME.
 - 2 Corinthians 1:9 NIV
 - ✓ My pain is either a JAIL that imprisons me or a SCHOOL that shapes me.
 - 2) Remember, God always DELIVERS. - 2 Corinthians 1:10 NIV
 - ✓ The best predictor of God's present HELP is His past FAITHFULNESS. - Revelation 21:3-4
 - 3) Rely on SOLID relationships. - 2 Corinthians 1:11 NIV

✓ Your friends determine what your FUTURE looks like.