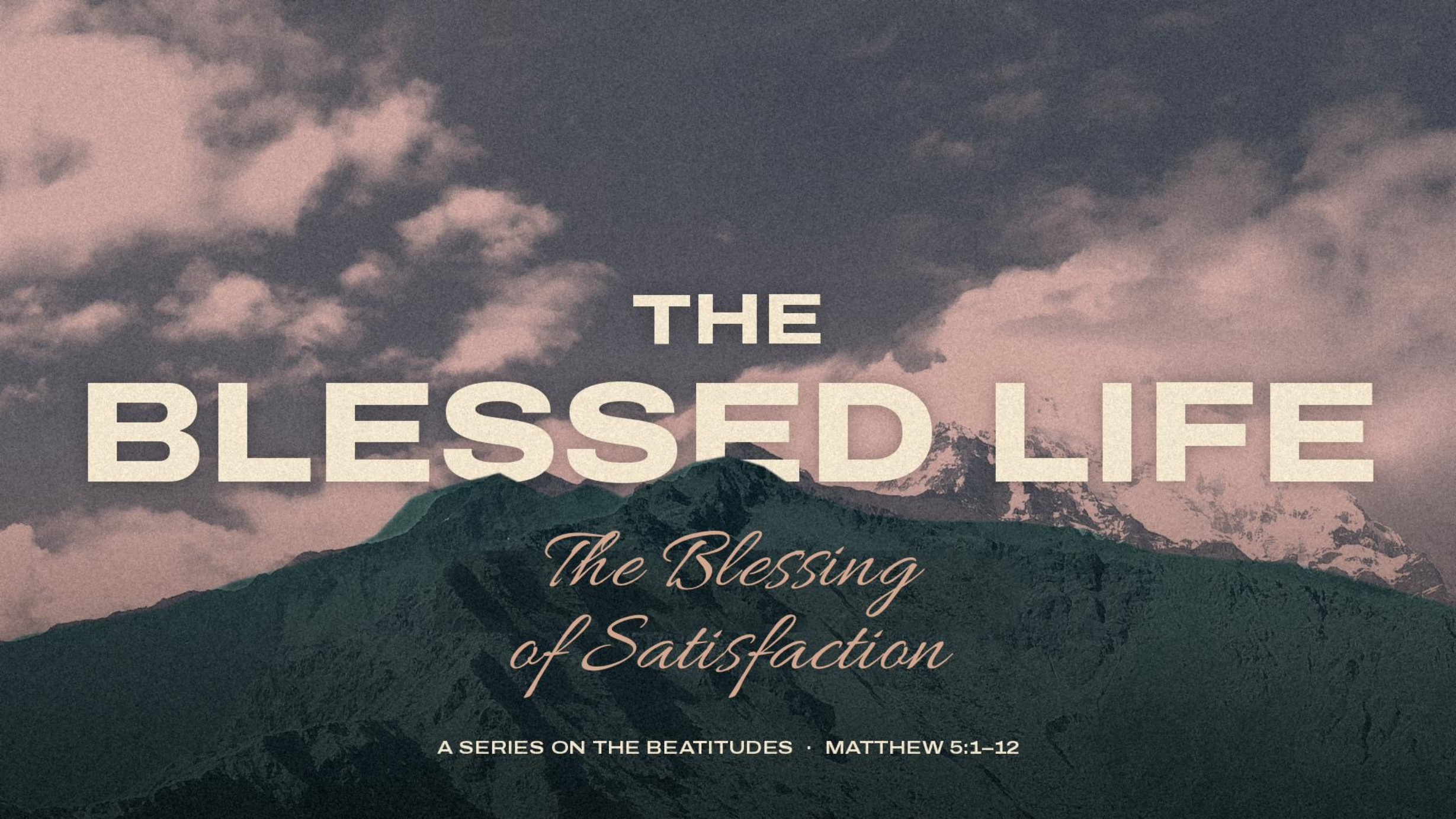
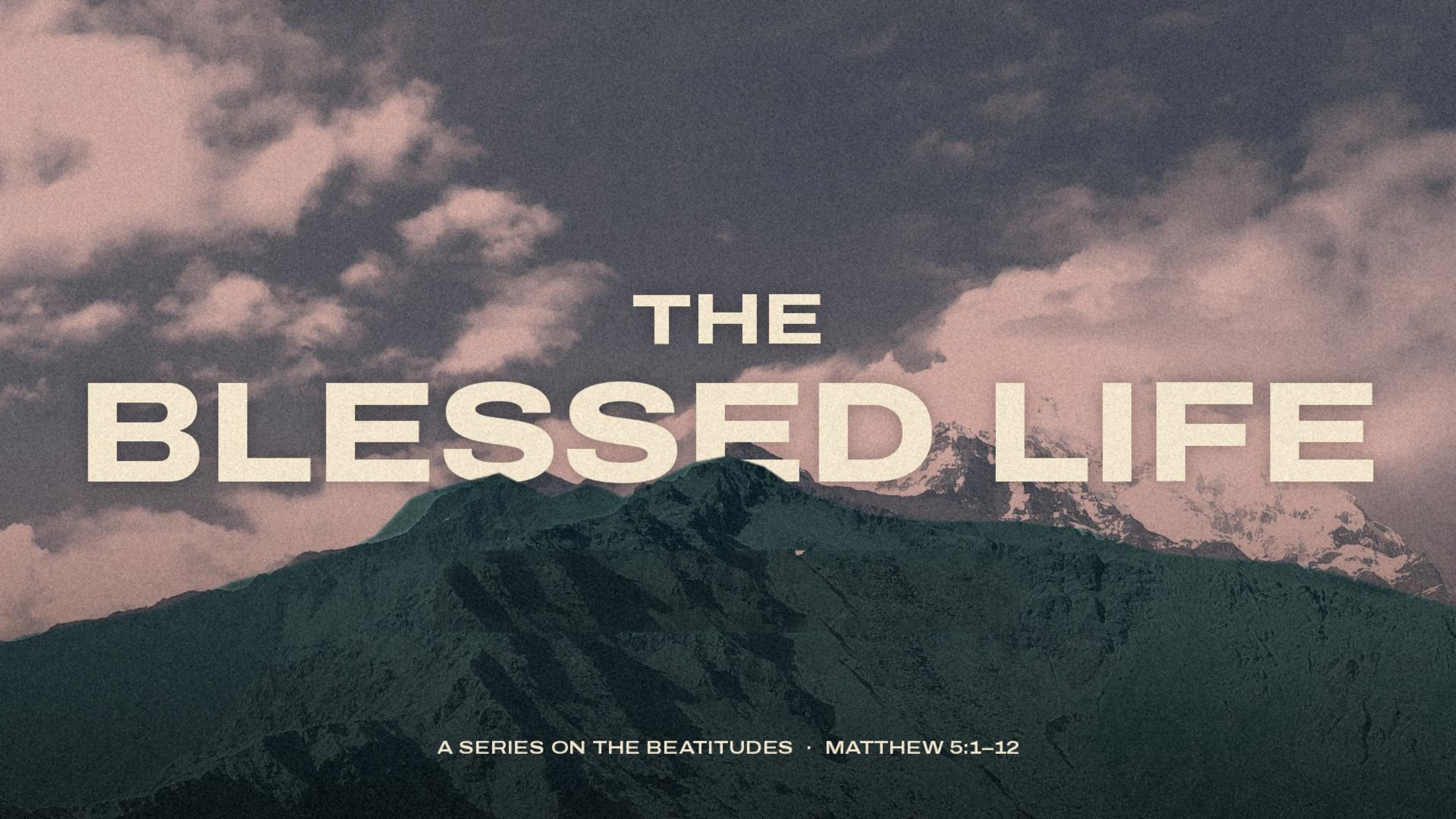

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Blessed are you...

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside
and sat down. His disciples came to him,

2 and he began to teach them. He said:

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.

MATTHEW 5:1–6 · NIV

Blessed are you...

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

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

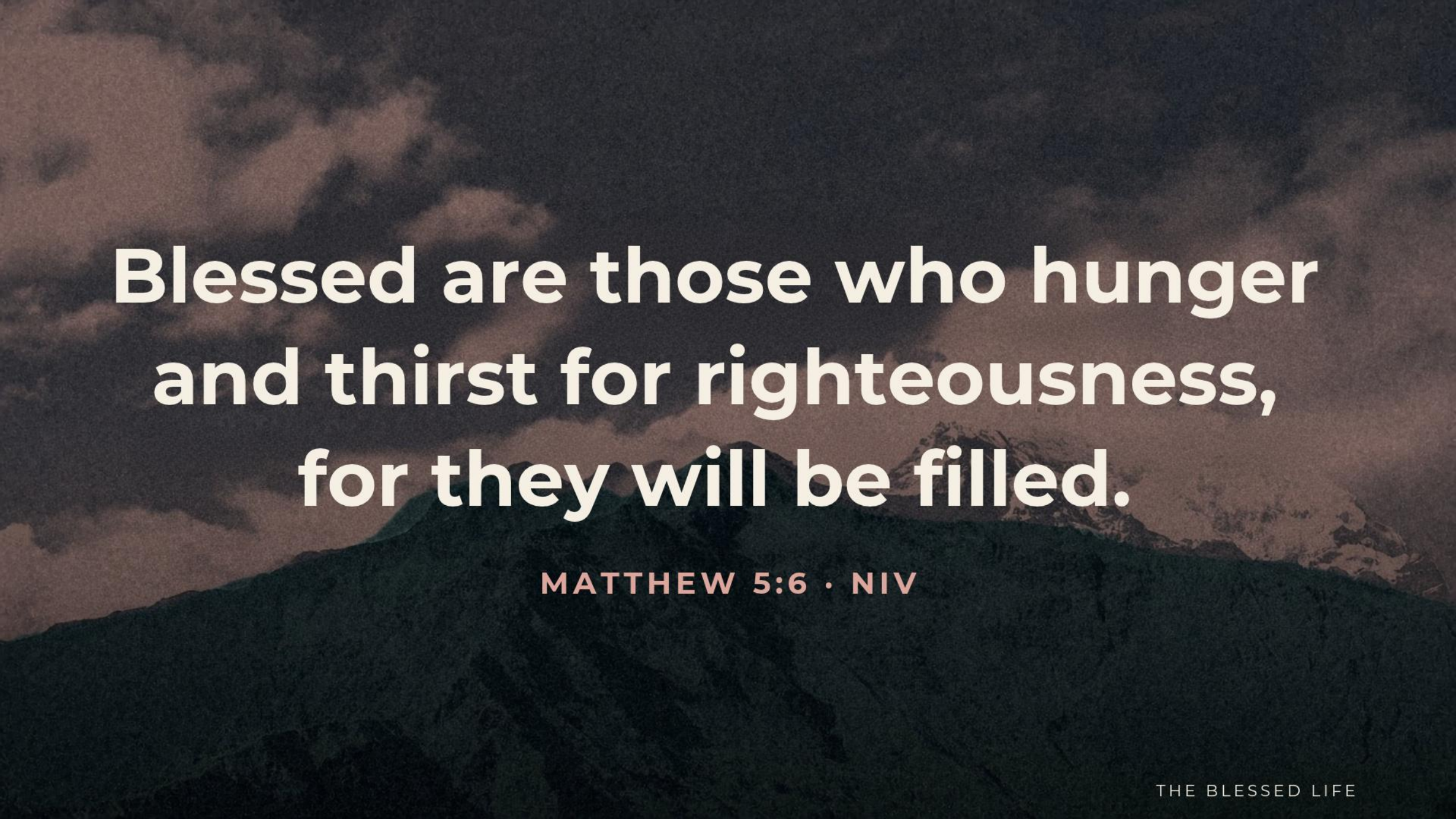
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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.

MATTHEW 5:7–12 · NIV


Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
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Hunger and Thirst:
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Hunger and Thirst:
A Metaphor for Spiritual Longing

1 As the deer longs for streams of water,
so I long for you, O God.
2 I thirst for God, the living God.
When can I go and stand before him?

PSALM 42:1–2 · NLT

Righteousness:

The Right *Feeling*, *Thinking*, and *Living* that flows from Constant Connection to the Nature of God

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

MATTHEW 5:6 · NIV

Filled:

Deep and Complete Satisfaction

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for they will be filled.

MATTHEW 5:6 · NIV

Filled:

Deep and Complete Satisfaction

[1]"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink— even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it's all free! [2]Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food.

ISAIAH 55:1 · NLT

Blessed are you...

Why spend your money on food
that does not give you strength?
Why pay for food that does you no good?
Listen to me, and you will eat what is good.
You will enjoy the finest food.

ISAIAH 55:2 · NLT


The Evil of
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The Evil of Selfish Satisfaction

“For my people have done two evil things:
They have abandoned me—
the fountain of living water.
And they have dug for themselves
cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!

JEREMIAH 2:13 · NLT