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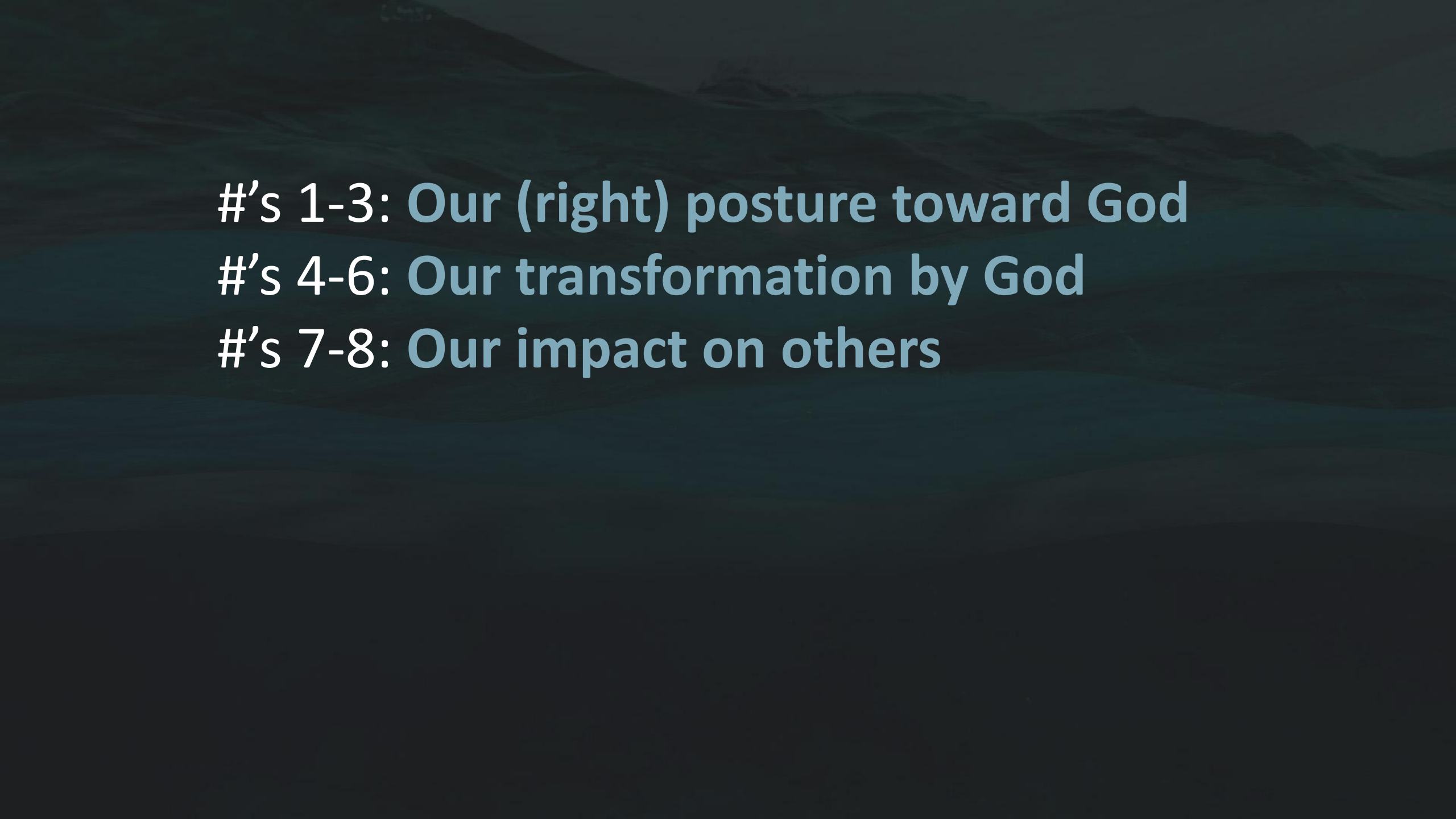


Matthew 5:1

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain,
and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.



Blessed are...	result / outcome
the poor in spirit	theirs is the kingdom of heaven
those who mourn	they shall be comforted
the meek	they shall inherit the earth
those who hunger/thirst for righteousness	they shall be satisfied
the merciful	they shall receive mercy
the pure in heart	they shall see God
the peacemakers	they shall be called sons of God
those who are persecuted for righteousness	theirs is the kingdom of heaven



#'s 1-3: Our (right) posture toward God

#'s 4-6: Our transformation by God

#'s 7-8: Our impact on others

#'s 1-3: Our (right) posture toward God

#1: Blessed are the poor in spirit
(dependence on God)
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
(they will experience God's gracious rule).

#'s 1-3: Our (right) posture toward God

#2: Blessed are those who mourn
(grief over sin, injustice, brokenness)
for they will be comforted
(they will experience God's peace and strength)

#'s 1-3: Our (right) posture toward God

#3: Blessed are the meek

(“restrained power;” surrender to God)

for they will inherit the earth

**(they experience this earth restored to its
“Garden of Eden glory”)**

#'s 4-6: Our transformation by God

#4: Blessed are those who hunger/thirst for righteousness

(they long to be right with God, live right before God and see God's right way of living prevail)

for they will be satisfied

(they will experience peace, a clear conscience)

#'s 4-6: Our transformation by God

#5: Blessed are the merciful

Grace gives kindness that we don't deserve.
Mercy withholds judgment that we do deserve.

#'s 4-6: Our transformation by God

#5: Blessed are the merciful

(they extend God's mercy to others)

for they will receive mercy

(they will only experience – and be deeply grateful for – the mercy of God and others)

#'s 4-6: Our transformation by God

#6: Blessed are the pure in heart
(their behavior aligns with their identity)

for they will see God

**(they will “know God,” not just “know
about Him.”)**

#'s 7-8: Our impact on others

#7: Blessed are the peacemakers

(they don't just "keep" the peace; they "make" peace)

for they will be called children of God

(as children, they will reflect God Himself!)

#'s 7-8: Our impact on others

#8: Blessed are those who are persecuted
(they endure persecution with faith and trust)
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
(they will experience God's gracious rule)

A better way

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| 1. dependance
(poor in spirit) | 4. desire
(hunger) | 7. reconciliation
(peacemaker) |
| 2. brokenness
(mourn) | 5. mercy
(merciful) | 8. sacrifice
(persecuted) |
| 3. surrender
(mercy) | 6. purity
(pure) | |

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