

# 08/22/21 Message

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Part of The End of Me

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## Message: Joy Comes in the Mourning

### Series: Broken to be Whole

Recap: This is the third message in our series The End of Me. The foundation of this series in the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7. It's about DTR - define the relationship - between you and Jesus. Are you a fan or a follower of Jesus?

## Introduction

### ***Matthew 5:3-12 (NLT)***

3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

4 God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth.

6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.

7 God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they will see God.

9 God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.

12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

### ***Matthew 5:4 (NASB)***

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

## **Matthew 5:4 (MSG)**

You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

*It's easier to offer to help others - than it is to receive it.  
When you're the one in the valley... it's not easy to hear  
other people tell you - you're going to get through it. It's  
going to be tough, but you're going to make it!*

—Pastor Chad

- When we  $\neg\neg$ MOURN we are not HAPPY

Yet Jesus says - when we mourn we will be comforted... blessed are those who mourn.

## **Mourn**

The Greek word translated mourn takes being sad and unhappy to the next level. It's a deeper type of mourning - it's a deep hurting sorrow - where you double over and wail.

- Jesus wants us to mourn (double over and wail) over our SIN

The message is as true today as it was that day on the side of the mountain. Jesus hasn't changed. His message hasn't changed. So why don't we mourn over our sin (double over and wail)... What has changed?

- WE HAVE CHANGED

*God is making a promise to us - He's saying: If you'll get  
back to the place in your life where your heart breaks  
over your sin - I'll take your broken heart and I'll heal it!  
I'll take the mourning spirit and I'll breathe new life into  
it! It'll take your mourning, and I'll comfort you!*

—Pastor Chad

## **Comfort**

The Greek word used here can be translated comfort, but it can also be translated exhort. When you exhort someone, the focus shifts from

me to you. When I comfort you, it's on me. When I exhort you, it's on you.

- To exhort means I strongly ENCOURAGE and urge you to do something

In fact, exhortation is a spiritual gift.

Jesus is saying:

- When you are broken in half and can't even walk - My Spirit will SUPPORT you
- When your heart is breaking and you feel empty - My Spirit will FILL you
- When you are so lost that you can't find your way - My Spirit will GUIDE you

Blessed are those who mourn, they will be comforted!

## **Joy**

*Don't you see, that's God! Blessed are those who are so close to God your sin hurts you as much as it hurts Him. And when you're broken to the point of mourning over your sin, He will bless you beyond measure by exhorting you and comforting you! He will send His Holy Spirit to make you stronger than you've ever been before! Sometimes joy comes in the mourning!*

*—Pastor Chad*