

WHICH LIFE ARE YOU CHASING?

SUCCESS
COMFORT
RECOGNITION
POWER
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SELF-SUFFICIENCY



The
Foursquare Church
Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Labor
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LOVE



RED LETTER STATEMENT - *HIS WORDS. OUR LIVES.*

Week 2 — BLESSED ARE... October 11, 2026

Series Scripture — Matthew 7:24

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice...”

BIG IDEA: Jesus' definition of the good life is very different from ours.

SERMON QUESTION: What if the life Jesus calls blessed looks nothing like the life we've been chasing?

MATTHEW 5:1–2 (NIV)

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.

1. JESUS _____ WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BLESSED

Matthew 5:1–3

The world tells us how to get ahead. Jesus teaches us what it means to be blessed. The world says: Blessed are the strong.
Blessed are the successful. Blessed are the comfortable.
Blessed are the admired. Blessed are the powerful.

The Kingdom of God operates by a different definition of success.

We measure blessing by circumstances. Jesus teaches us to see blessing through our relationship to God's Kingdom.

2. JESUS BLESSES THE _____ THE WORLD OVERLOOKS

Matthew 5:3–6

- Poor in spirit: Recognizing our need for God.
- Those who mourn: Finding comfort in God's promises.
- The meek: Strength surrendered to God.
- Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness:
Desiring what only God can provide.

Being blessed doesn't mean having everything you want. It means belonging to the Kingdom of the One who has everything you need.

3. THE BLESSED LIFE IS A _____ KIND OF LIFE

Matthew 5:7–9

- Merciful: Showing others the compassion we've received.
- Pure in heart: Becoming the same person on Monday that we appear to be on Sunday.
- Peacemakers: Actively pursuing peace and reconciliation.

The blessed life isn't just something we receive. It's a life God's grace begins to shape in us.

4. BEING BLESSED _____ MEAN LIFE WILL BE EASY

Matthew 5:10–12

Following Jesus doesn't guarantee a life without difficulties.

The blessed life isn't a storm-free life.

Blessing isn't the absence of difficulty. It's the assurance that our lives belong to a Kingdom greater than our difficulties.

THE BIG QUESTION

WHICH LIFE ARE YOU CHASING?

What have you been calling blessed that Jesus never promised would satisfy you? Whose definition of the good life have you been living by?

THIS WEEK'S RED LETTER CHALLENGE

LIVE THE BLESSED LIFE

Read Matthew 5:1–12 again this week.

Ask God to show you where your definition of blessing needs to change.

1. Which Beatitude is God challenging me to live out?
2. What needs to change in my thinking or attitude?
3. What is one practical step I can take this week?

Don't choose seven things. Choose ONE.

HIS WORDS. OUR LIVES.

WE'VE HEARD HIS WORDS.

NOW LET'S PUT THEM INTO PRACTICE.