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A Blessed Life
in a Fallen World



Happy are the Sad

Matthew 5 - Beatitudes

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“Jesus is not prescribing how to be blessed, but rather describing who is blessed.”

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1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

5 “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Paradox – *“The Christian appears at his best in the heavenly places but does not fit well into the ways of the very society into which he was born. He walks on earth while seated in heaven and though born on earth he finds that after his conversion he is not at home here.”* A.W. Tozer

Matthew 5:3-10


Arch Structure

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Arch / Keystone

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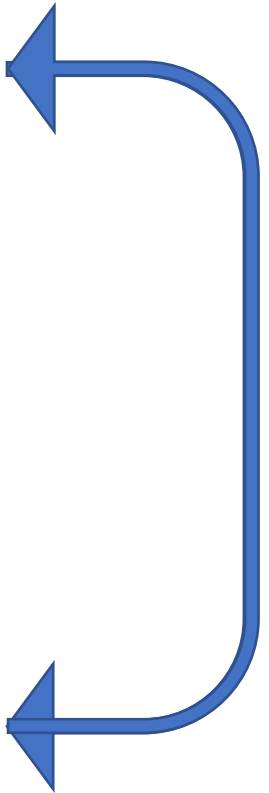
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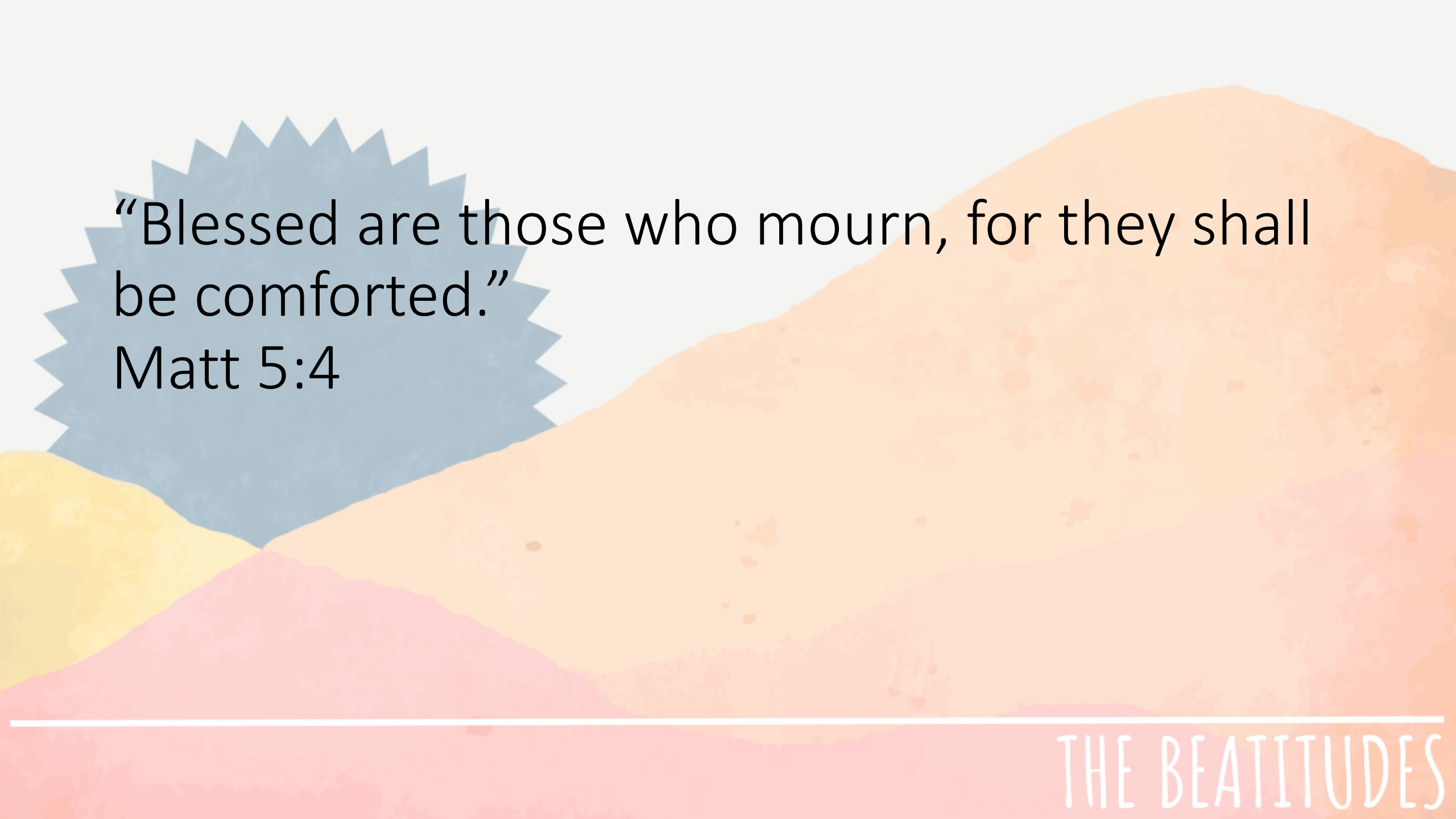


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OUTCOME

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Matt 5:4

Is it sin?

- Garden – 1st Adam
- Grief – Sons of Adam
- Garden – 2nd Adam
- Sin has sorrowing consequences!
- Savior bore those for all men for all time!



“The death of a beloved is an amputation.”

C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

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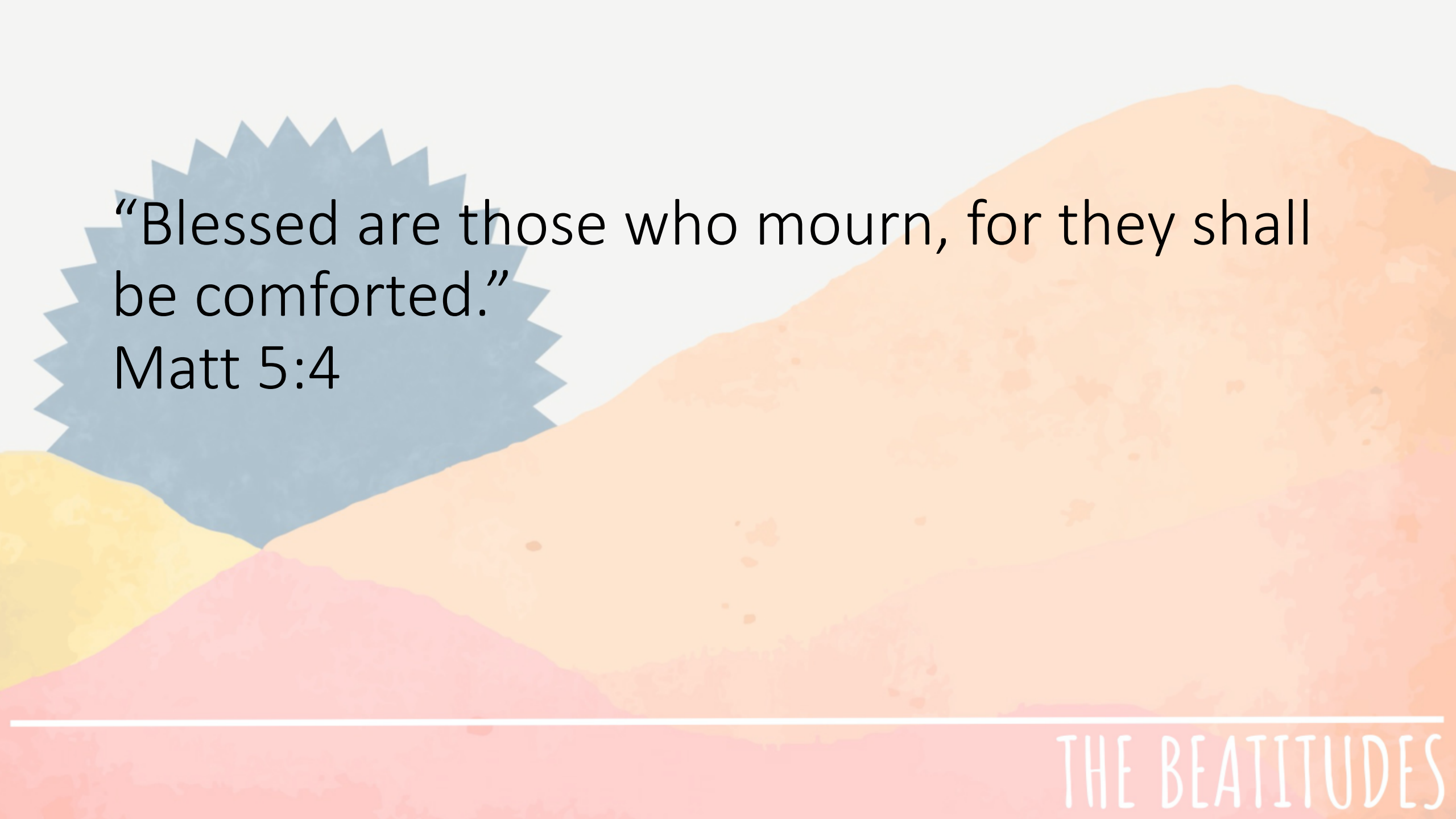
Is it MY sin?

- Regret – 2 Cor 7:8-10
- “I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance”
- Repent – 1 John 1:9
- “God has not promised to forgive any sin that you are not willing to forsake.”



“No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.”
C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed

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Is it final?

- Restoration – Jesus Parable
- Resurrection – Jesus Friend
- Redemption – Jesus Himself

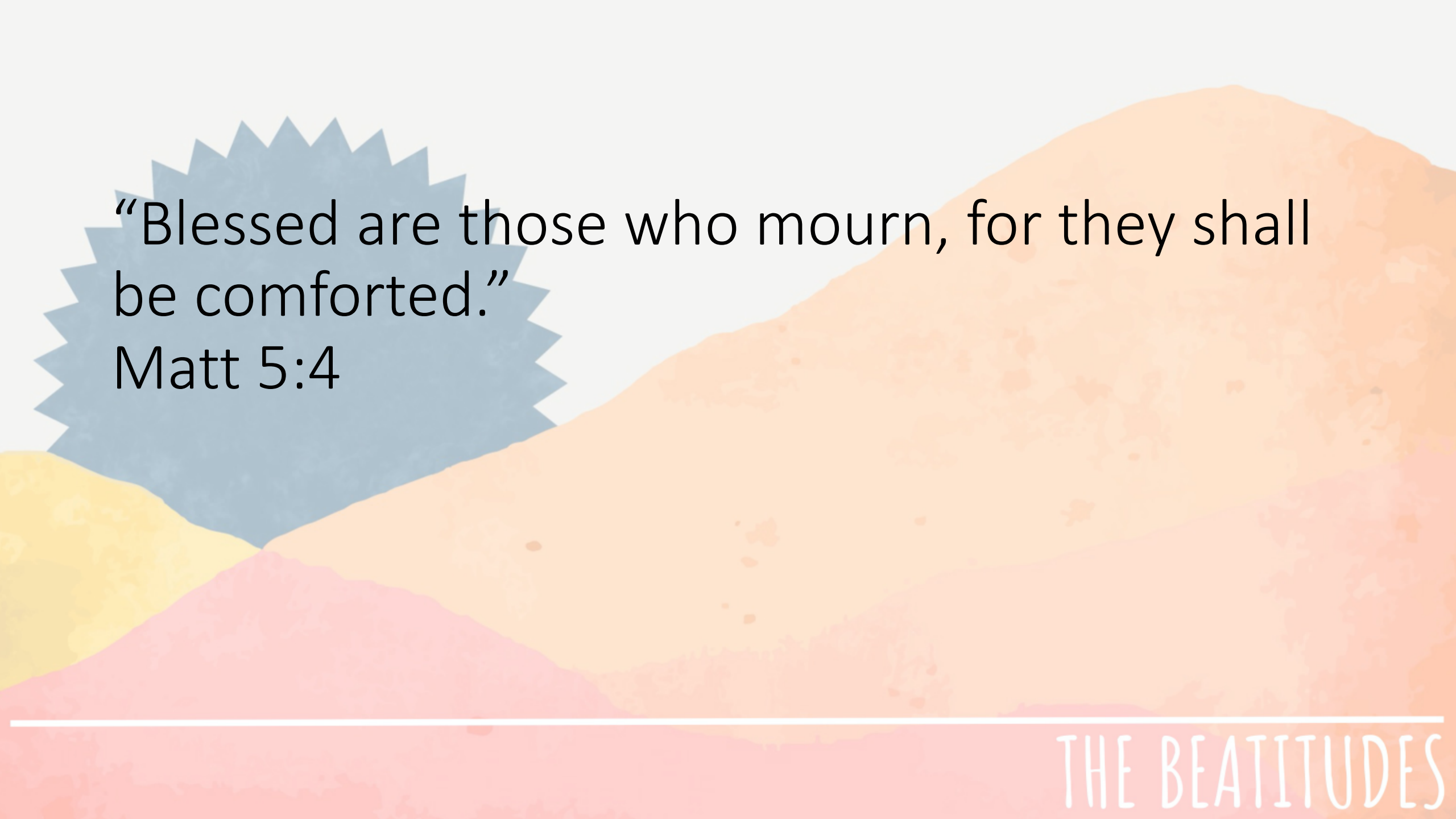


“Time itself is one more name for death.”

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1 Thess 4:13 “Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.”

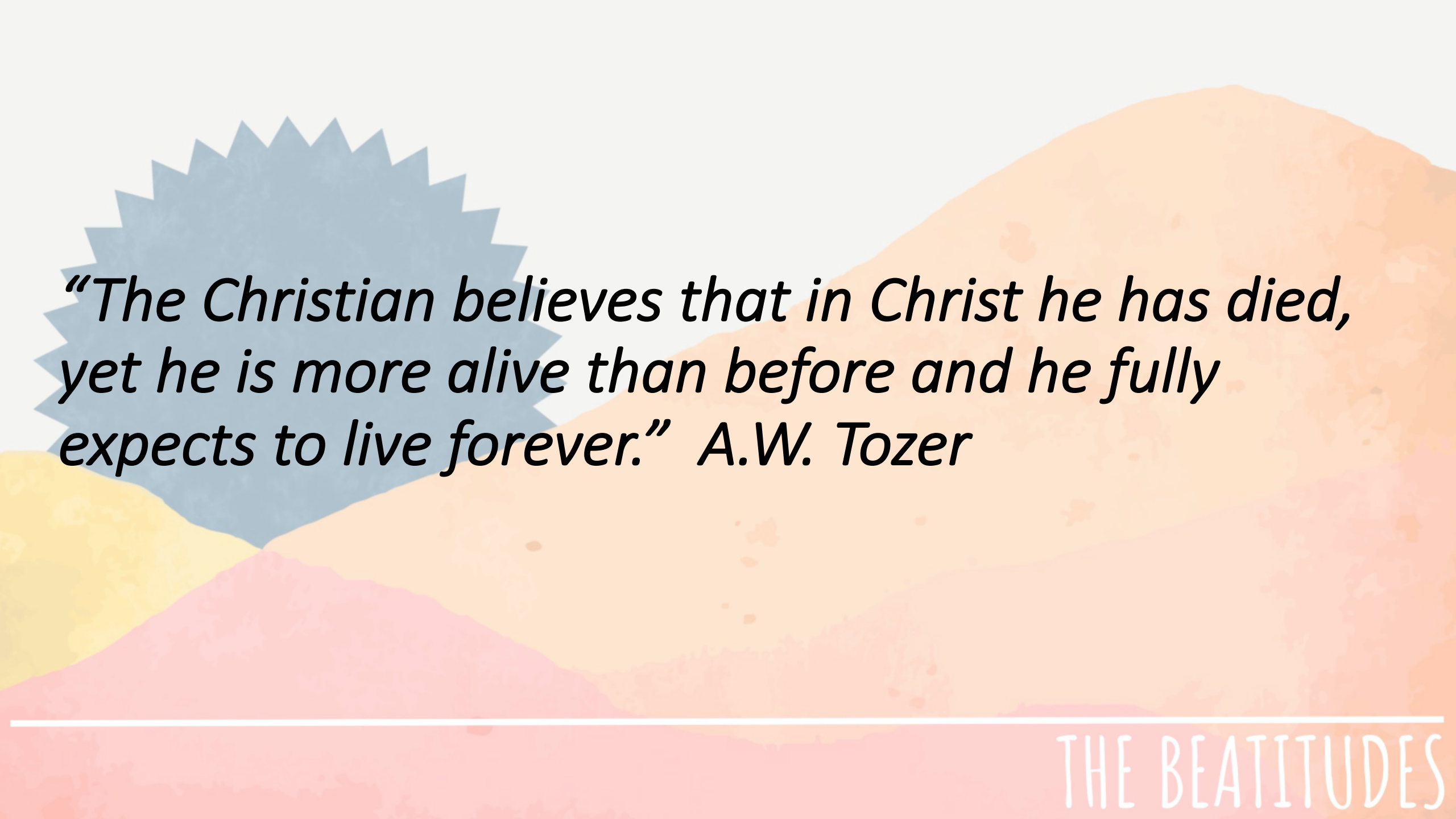
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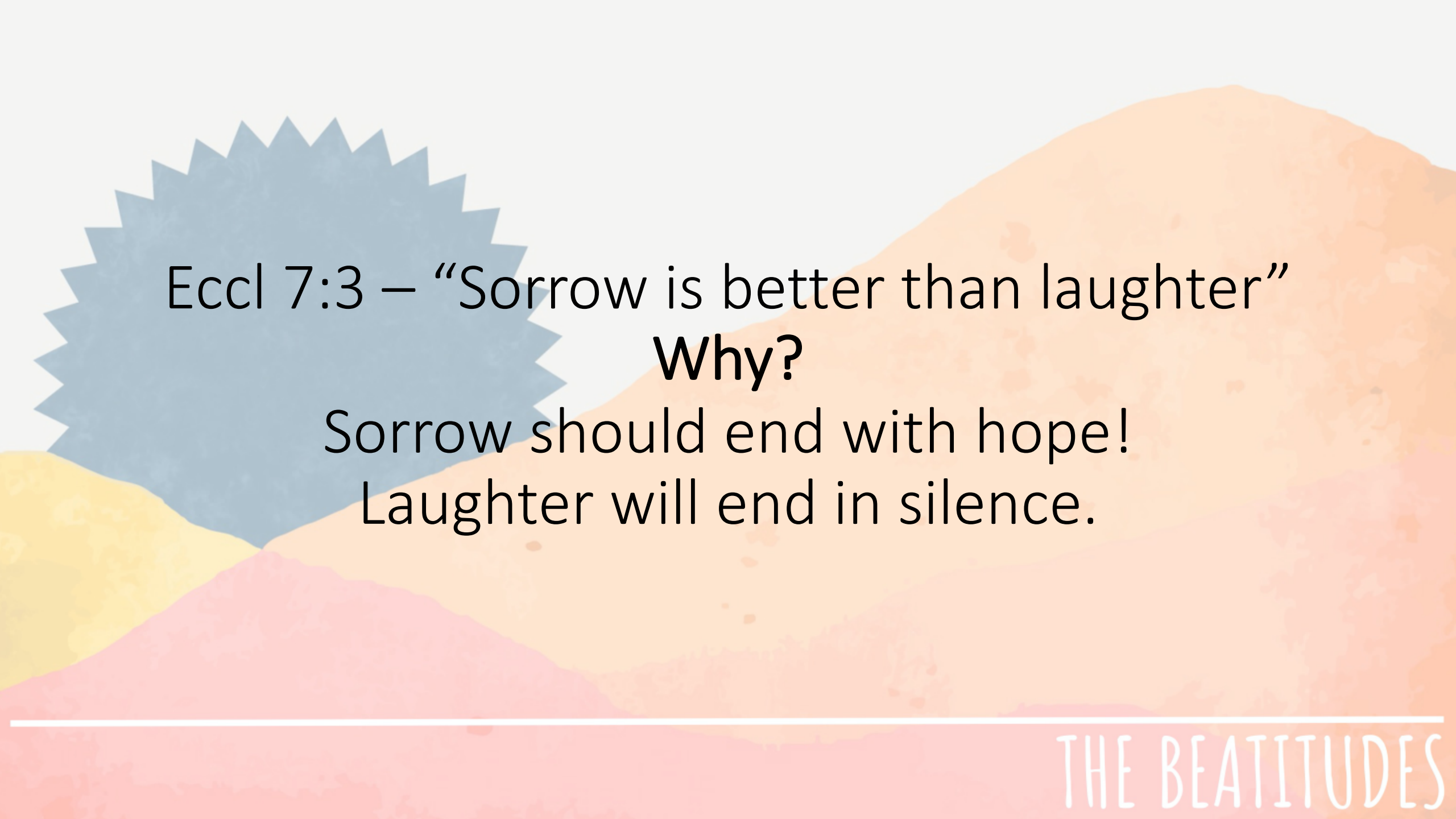
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Is this helpful?

- Hard Times – personal – no points for poor
- Hurtful Times – shared – hard life luck
- Honest Times – spiritual – broken heart for God!
- A.W. Pink – “The mourning for which Christ promises Divine comfort is a sorrowing over our sins with a godly sorrow.”



“The Christian believes that in Christ he has died, yet he is more alive than before and he fully expects to live forever.” A.W. Tozer



Eccl 7:3 – “Sorrow is better than laughter”

Why?

Sorrow should end with hope!

Laughter will end in silence.

NO OTHER PROMISE!

“I need Christ, not something that resembles Him.” C.S. Lewis, A Grief Observed



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