



DISCIPLESHIP UNIVERSITY

Old Testament Survey

From Creation to Christ,
God's Great Story

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GOOD TO GREAT

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

DESCENDING INTO GREATNESS



Matthew 4:25

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**Crowds are good.
Disciples are GREAT.**

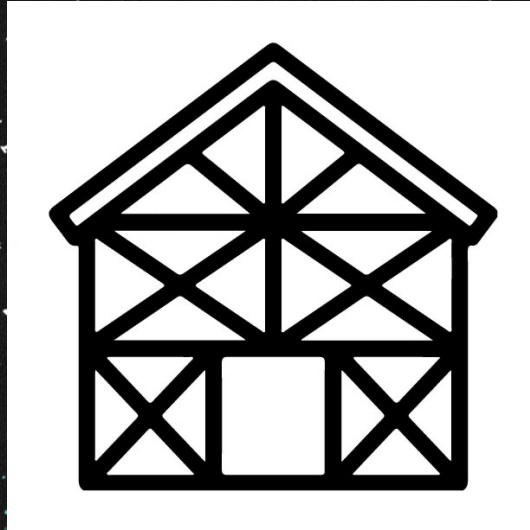
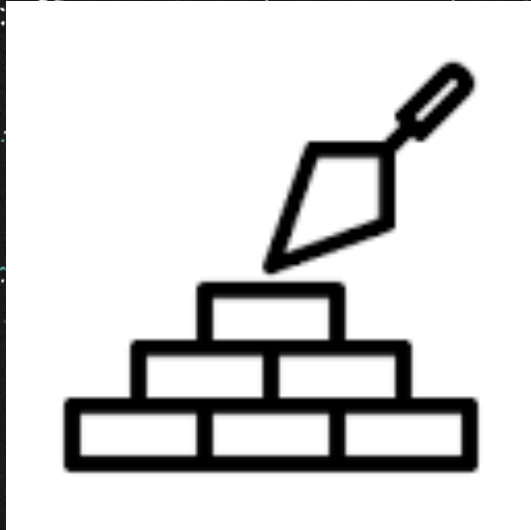
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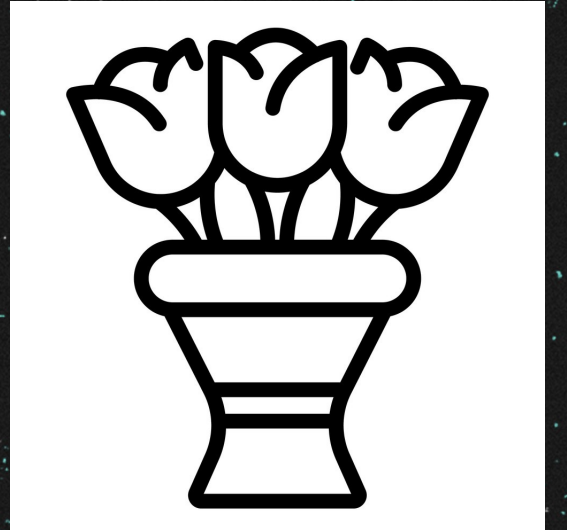
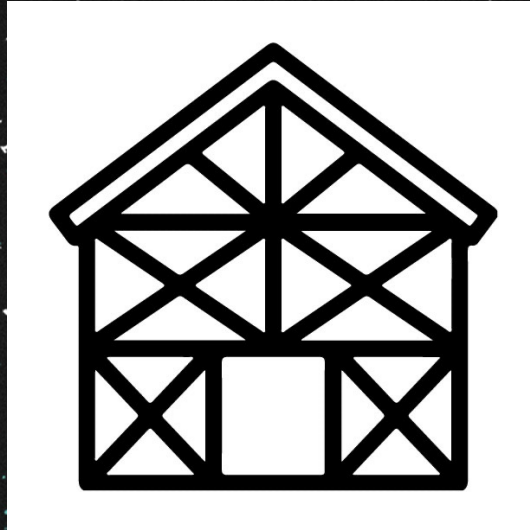
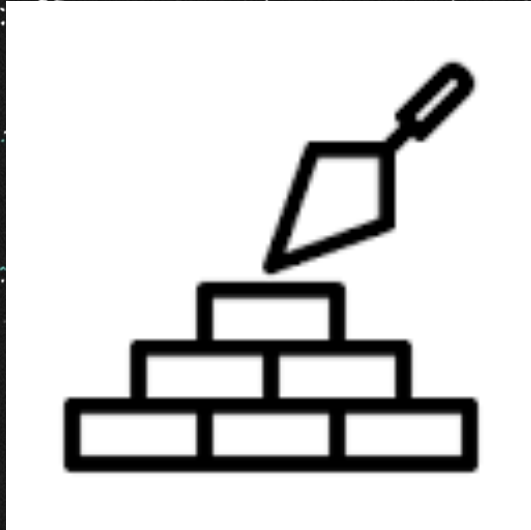
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Seeing **the crowds**, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Matthew 5:1 (The Message)

When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down.





Oswald Chambers

“The Sermon on the Mount is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting his way with us.”

Dallas Willard

“The Sermon on the Mount ... is a picture of a kind of person we will become when we abandon ourselves to Jesus Christ.”

Augustine

“...the perfect measure of the
Christian life.”

“BE ATTITUDES”
Attitudes that OUGHT to BE

Life Principle

A person's attitude is how they see life
and how they are seen in life.

John Maxwell, "The Winning Attitude"

"Our attitude is the 'advance man' of our true selves."

BLESSING: Greek word: *μακάριος* :
flourishing, fortunate, happy.

Be-Attitude Structure:
Blessing → Attitude → Promise

Matthew 5:1-11

And he opened his mouth and taught 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 meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:1-11

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.

Matthew 5:1-11

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

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.”

Inward Attitudes

- **Bankruptcy**
 - **Loss**
 - **Humility**
 - **Craving**

Four Internal Attitudes to Greatness

1) Bankruptcy
“poor in spirit”

Matthew 5:3

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

Life Principle

You can't appreciate the wealth of God's kingdom until you have first discovered the poverty of your own soul.

Matthew 5:3 (The Message)

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.”

John Calvin

“He only who is reduced to nothing in himself, and relies on the mercy of God, is poor in spirit.”

Psalm 34:6

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Four Internal Attitudes to Greatness

1) Bankruptcy

2) Loss

“mourn”

Charles Spurgeon

“The Beatitudes are arranged in a stair-like order, and to climb to the one, we must step on the one below it.”

Ezra 10:1

Ezra prayed and made confession,
weeping and casting himself down
before the house of God... the people
wept bitterly.

Romans 7:24

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

1 Corinthians 5:2

You are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn?

Psalm 119:136

My eyes shed streams of water because they do not keep Your law.

Matthew 5:4

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

Psalm 51:17

...a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Four Internal Attitudes to Greatness

1) Bankruptcy

2) Loss

3) Humility

“meek”

Matthew 5:5

- “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 11:29

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*

“The point in saying that Jesus is lowly is that he is accessible. For all his resplendent glory and dazzling holiness, his supreme uniqueness and otherness, no one in human history has ever been more approachable than Jesus Christ... Gentle and lowly.

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*

“This, according to his own testimony, is Christ’s very heart. This is who he is. Tender. Open. Welcoming. Accommodating. Understanding. Willing. If we are asked to say only one thing about who Jesus is, we would be honoring Jesus’s own teaching if our answer is, gentle and lowly.”

Proverbs 15:33

“Humility comes before honor.”

Four Internal Attitudes to Greatness

1) Bankruptcy

2) Loss

3) Humility

4) Craving

“hunger and thirst for righteousness”

Matthew 5:6

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RIGHTEOUSNESS =
The character and conduct of God

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...present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. – Romans 5:13

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and **live to righteousness**. By his wounds you have been healed.