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The Sermon on the Mount - Week 3

Matthew 5:4 NIV Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

- To mourn: Experience or express grieve or sorrow.
 2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV) "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."
 - A. Godly Grief
 - B. Worldly Grief
- II. We can hurt God.

Ephesians 4:30 NIV "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption".

Jeremiah 4:19 NIV - God speaking, " Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain. Oh, the agony of my heart! My heart pounds within me".

- 1. When we come to understand that God experiences pain, we move to another level of intimacy with him.
- 2. When we come to understand that we have the power to hurt God, it should cause us to feel a sense of sorrow or grief.
- 3. This type of sorrow will cause us to change. "Godly sorrow brings repentance..." 2 Cor. 7:10

III. God's response to our grief.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

John 14:26 KJV "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things..."

Psalm 34:18 "The LORD is near to the brokenhearted."

- IV. Our Response.
 - 1. Can you think of a time God comforted you?
 - 2. Is there something going on right now in your life where you need to feel God's comfort?
 - 3. Imagine what God is saying to you right now about your grief? (Write it out)