

CHOSEN 2  
Blessed Are They That Mourn  
Matthew 5:4  
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Jesus is asking you to love the people around you and share your faith with them.

That can be a hard sell at times because life is not always good.

**Clip #1: Nathaniel loses his job**

Why do we suffer grief?  
If God could fix it why doesn't He?

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

*45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."...48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked...Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you" 49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."*  
John 1:45-48-49 NIV

Without grief we would not fully comprehend love.  
Without grief we would not see the good things in life.

**LIKE US GOD GRIEVES**

He grieves with us because He loves us and because nothing we experience escapes His notice.

Jesus knows your thoughts.

**JESUS' PURPOSE IN COMING**

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,*  
Isaiah 61:1-2 NIV

Jesus **did** come to proclaim the Lord's favor...  
Jesus **will** come back to proclaim the Day of Judgment.

When we recognize our brokenness, our loss, our grief, it can draw us near to God.

If you mourn you will be comforted.

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*  
Hebrews 4:14-16 NIV

Creator God sees you and knows you and is ready to join you.

**Clip #2: Nathaniel meets Jesus**

We do not live in the way of the world, but in the way of the Spirit of God.