

KINGDOM LIFE

OUTRAGEOUS HOPE
FOR ORDINARY LIFE

A WORSHIP SERIES THROUGH
JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Matthew 5:1-3

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² 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.*



5:4 “Blessed are *those who mourn*, for they shall be comforted.

Mourn

The Losses In our Lives

Relational

Financial

Physical

Comfort

Innocence

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned



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Mourn

It's easy and honest to simply protest
“It's NOT ok!”

We are not designed for this.



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Mourn

Fight

Aggressively Despair:
Try to “fix” it.

*I get angry
and “attack”*

Flight

Internally Despair:
Medicate and Avoid.

*I go into a hole of
isolation / depression*

Freeze

Deny that there is
a problem at all.

*Act like everything is
fine (and call it “faith”)*

In religion, as in war and everything else, comfort is the one thing you cannot get by looking for it. If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end: if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth -- only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin with and, in the end, despair. -

C.S. Lewis



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Mourn

The Losses BECAUSE OF our Lives:
Brokenness of our unity with God and one another

The Beatitudes are woven together

It is not the sorrow of bereavement to which Christ refers, but the sorrow of repentance. This is the second stage of spiritual blessing. It is one thing to be spiritually poor and acknowledge it; it is another to grieve and to mourn over it.
- John Stott



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Mourn

Righteousness



“Poor in Spirit”

My “rightness” account is bankrupt

“Mourning”

My “rightness” account is overdrawn

Isaiah 6:5

And I said: “**Woe is me!**
For I am lost; for I am a
man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst
of a people of unclean
lips; for my eyes have
seen the King, the
LORD of hosts!”



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Comfort ?

Fight

I'm not that bad!
I don't need much Jesus

*We reduce sin to a
manageable set of
behaviors.*

Flight

This is ridiculous.
I'm out.

Freeze

I am a worm and God
will always hate me

*We forget to see the
infinite grace and love
of God.*

Religion leaves us in the grave;
the Gospel raises us out

For every 1 look at your sin,
take 99 looks at Jesus



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Comforted

Romans 7

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.



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Faith: The Gospel doesn't call us to deny or despair....
This applies to both my spiritual and worldly sorrows

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Presence

I need to know that
I'm not alone

Power

I need to know that, somehow, maybe
beyond all reason, everything will be ok.



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Comfort To Come

Revelation 21:3-5

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, ***“Behold, I am making all things new.”***



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Comfort To Come

1. Our bad things will turn out for good
2. Our Good things can never be taken away from us
3. The Best things are yet to come

(a sermon from Jonathan Edwards when he was 18)



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Comfort Today

John 16:33

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Don't mistake being comfortable with being comforted

We have God's Real Presence (“parakletos”) with/in us.
Because he died, our “death-nature” has been fully paid.
Because he has raised, we know that he IS MAKING all things new.

