

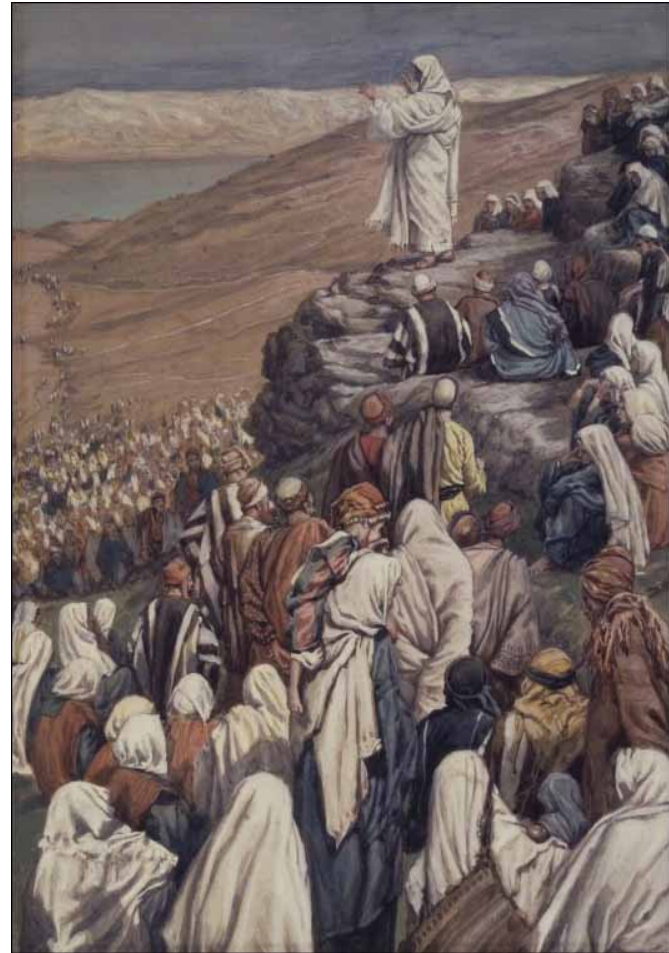
The Beatitudes For Marriage

**BUILDING OUR
HOMES ON THE
ROCK**



The Sermon on the Mount

- **Matthew 5-7**
- Jesus explains how to gain access into the kingdom of heaven
- Describes the character of the citizen of God's kingdom
- Defines the spiritual nature of the Christian's walk in the pathway of righteousness. Not merely external ritual, but internal submission to the will of God



Building on the rock

Matthew 7:24-27 Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: 25. and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock. 26. And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: 27. and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.



THOSE BLESSED

**IN THE
KINGDOM OF
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**AND IN
MARRIAGE**

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BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS THEIRS. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY WILL BE COMFORTED. BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE FILLED. BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY WILL BE SHOWN MERCY. BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD. BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THERE IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME. REJOICE AND BE GLAD, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR IN THE SAME WAY THEY PERSECUTED THE PROPHETS WHO WERE BEFORE YOU.

Building Homes on the Rock



But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Blessed



mourn comforted earth
reward merciful spirit utter
thirst peacemakers heart
way pure prophets
children revile
persecute
hunger people
filled God glad
receive persecuted
Rejoice kingdom
evil meek heaven
inherit falsely mercy
righteousness
poor account
great called kinds
see sake

Applying the Lesson



What kind of spouse?

Will he (she) have the character of one who is seeking the kingdom of heaven?



The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Oh hun.. more chips and salsa pronto. Submit, submit!



Taking Ephesians **5:22** out of context was bad enough, but using a bell to summon his wife was both stupid and dangerous.

The kind of spouse you want

- **Poor in spirit**
- **Mourn**
- **Meek**
- **Hungering for righteousness**
- **Merciful**
- **Pure in heart**
- **Peacemaker**
- **Persecuted (?)**

The one you don't want

- **Proud**
- **Lacking compassion**
- **Rebellious**
- **Worldly appetites**
- **Without mercy**
- **Defiled in spirit**
- **Divisive**
- **Non-committed**





BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:3

Poor ⁱⁿ Spirit

Proverbs 16

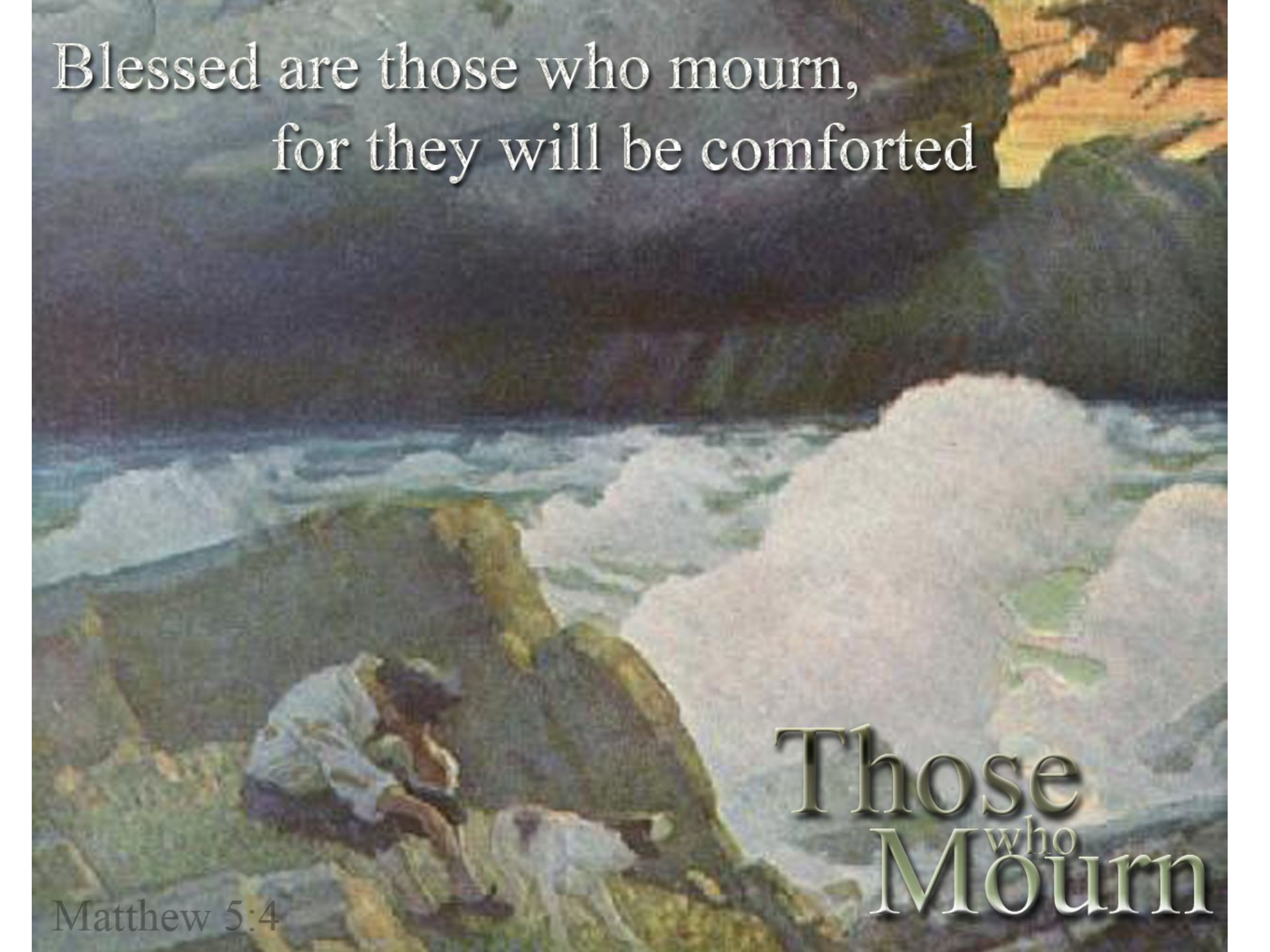
16. How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! Yea, to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver.

17. The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18. Pride goeth before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

19. Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20. He that giveth heed unto the word shall find good; And whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he.

A painting depicting a stormy sea with white-capped waves crashing against a dark, rocky shore. In the foreground, a person is huddled on the rocks, looking out at the turbulent water. The sky is dark and overcast, with a hint of light breaking through the clouds. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

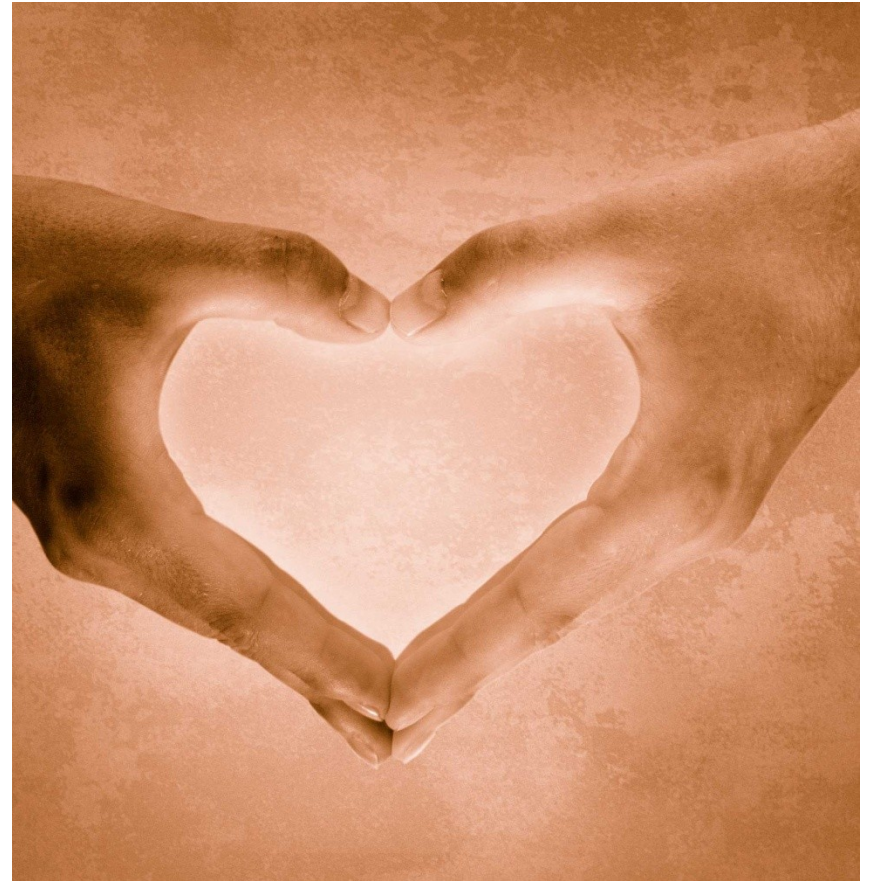
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted

Matthew 5:4

Those
who
Mourn

Colossians 3

12. Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering;
13. forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye:
14. and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness.
15. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful.





*Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.*

Matthew 5:5

*the
Meek*

Ephesians 5

20. giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21. **subjecting yourselves one to another** in the fear of Christ. 22. **Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands**, as unto the Lord. 23. For the husband is the head of the wife, and Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of the body. 24. But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything. 25. **Husbands, love your wives**, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it;



*Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.*



*Hunger and
Thirst*

Matthew 5:6

Colossians 3

1. If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God.
2. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth.



A vibrant rainbow arches across a cloudy sky over a green landscape. In the foreground, there is a red barn and a green field. The background shows rolling hills and a cloudy sky.

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

*the
Merciful*

Matthew 5:7

Matthew 12:7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.



- **James 2:13** For judgment is without mercy to him that hath showed no mercy: mercy glorieth against judgment.
- **James 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy.



Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.


Pure_{in}
Heart

Matthew 5:8

Pure heart

1 Timothy 1:5 But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned:

Titus 1:15-16 To the pure all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16. They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.



Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

the
Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9

Romans 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them that are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them. 18. For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent.



**A good strategy
for churches**

**Why not take the
same approach
to personal
relationships?**

1 Peter 3:1 In like manner, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they may without the word be gained by the behavior of their wives;

Avoid this situation
Chose wisely





**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED
BECAUSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

**Those
who are
Persecuted**

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.



Going to heaven?

Matthew 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.



My spouse needs this lesson

Trying to fix your partner?

- It doesn't work

Work on **YOURSELF**

- Become what you need to be
- Lead by example



Matthew 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Qualified elders?

- **Spiritual-minded men who are determined to enter the kingdom of heaven**
- **They are of a mind to lead their families to heaven also**
- **Servants who have learned to follow Jesus in all things**
- **Men who live the sermon on the mount**



Building on the Rock

- A marriage built on a firm commitment to honor God and serve Christ is the only way to ensure our spiritual survival

– **Psalm 127:1** *Except the Lord build the house, They labor in vain that build it...*

- A life partner chosen with care, with attention to the kind of character they bring to the relationship is essential to building a strong marriage / family

Blessed

- Are the married who have Christians for partners
- Are the children who have Christians for parents
- Are the families who are seeking the kingdom of heaven and the righteousness that comes from God

