



# Walking in the Word Blessed in Mourning? Rev. Nate Hartman October 13, 2024

## Big Idea:

Matthew 5:4

*God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

“Blessed are those who mourn what is wrong and unjust and sincerely repent, for God comforts those who suffer and those who truly repent.”

- Stassen & Gushee, Kingdom Ethics

## 1. FACE IT

- If I want to live in the blessing of His kingdom, I must face it - sin separates me from this good (blessed/fortunate) life.
- Mourning others' sin is different than judging others' sin.
- I will experience God's blessing and know His comfort, when I mourn the sin I see in myself and others.

Psalm 51:1-3

<sup>1</sup>*Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.*

*Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.*

<sup>2</sup>*Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.*

<sup>3</sup>*For I **recognize** my **rebellion**; it haunts me day and night.*

## 2. FEEL IT

- It's a WEIGHT that emanates from our deep in our gut.
- If I want to live in the blessing of His kingdom, I must feel the weight of sin.
- I will experience God's blessing and know His comfort, when I mourn the sin I feel in myself and others.

Psalm 51:8-10

<sup>8</sup>*Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice.*

<sup>9</sup>*Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.*

<sup>10</sup>*Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.*

## 3. FIND COMFORT

- Comfort the brokenhearted

Psalm 34:18

*The Lord is **close** to the **brokenhearted**; he **rescues** those whose spirits are **crushed**.*

Psalm 51:12

*Restore to me the **joy** of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.*

- When WE mourn, we are in the perfect place to encounter God's comfort in a life-changing way.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

*...God is our merciful Father and the source of all **comfort**.<sup>4</sup> He **comforts** us in all our troubles so that we can **comfort** others...*

4. **KEYS**

- The blessed life is not for us to hold on to; it's to experience His comfort in such a profound way that we can't help but share it with others.

Matthew 5:4

*God blesses those who **mourn**, for they will be **comforted**.*

1. I choose to follow Jesus.
2. I realize my sin is keeping me from true freedom.
3. I want to experience God's comfort.
4. I will share the comfort I've found with others.