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THE BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 5:4-5

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

**Mourning** is our reaction to the loss of something valuable

Grieving and mourning are part of the process, but there is an element of hope that changes the way we mourn.

Proverbs 13:12 “Hope deferred makes the heart grow sick but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.”

We don’t mourn without the promise of hope.

**Comfort:** to call close beside  
There is a closeness in our comfort from the Lord  
He is drawing us into him

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest

There is an element of *response* when it comes to being comforted.

Are you a hope giver or a despair dealer?

**Meekness:** Biblical meekness is not weakness, but rather refers to exercising God's strength under His control.

Cultural response: Kingdoms weren’t won by a meek, gentle leader. Kingdoms are won by the powerful, the influential, the aggressive.

**But Jesus isn’t trying to take over a kingdom, He is establishing THE kingdom that values strength under control.**

Whose control are you under?

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