



God's Pathway to Wholeness: Be Broken

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

"Blessed": joy untouchable

Why does Jesus say that you're blessed if you are "mourning"?

Mourn – a response to something grievous. Are we mourning what God wants us to mourn?

Mourning is the proper response of repentance: David's Brokenness Psalm 51

"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge...You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." Ps. 51:3-4; 16-17

- Mourning is the *essential* heart attitude you must experience before you can realize the joy of the Christian life.
- If we never come to grips with the *severity of our sin* we will never experience real joy.

"For they will be comforted."

1. Trust the truth of God's mercy and compassion.

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Ps. 51:1-2

2. God can show mercy to an honest confession.

"Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean, wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." Ps. 51:7

3. Ask for a change of heart and a right spirit.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me." Ps. 51:10-11

4. God will restore your joy and use you for His glory.

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you." Ps. 51:12-13

5. Praise Him for His comforting love.

"My tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise." Ps. 51:14-15

Thoughts as we linger before the Lord

1. Trust His mercy and compassion enough to be honest.
2. Ask for a change of mind and heart.
3. Receive God's comfort and joy.
4. Praise God for the restored purpose for your life.