

BLUEPRINT

FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



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- 1 Blessed: Makarios—joyful, happy, fortunate, enviable, to be congratulated
 Mourn: Pentheo— to mourn for, lament, grieve, sorrow; especially of external manifestations.
 Comfort: Parakaleo—to call to one's side for encouragement, strengthening, and consolation.

Use these definitions to rewrite Matthew 5:4 in your own words.

Why would Jesus say a person is blessed when he mourns? What does he mean?

- 2 What causes people to mourn? Can you identify categories of mourning in scripture?

Genesis 23:2
 II Samuel 12:13-18
 Ezra 9
 Job 1 & 2
 Proverbs 5:11-14
 Acts 20:37-38

- 3 What does the context of Matthew 5:4 suggest that we should be mournful about? What inspires this kind of mourning?

Isaiah 6:5
 Matthew 27:1-10
 Mark 14:66-72
 Romans 2:4
 I Corinthians 5:1-2
 II Corinthians 7:10

- 4 What is the comfort God promised? When and how will it come?

Psalms 42:11
 Psalm 51:8-12
 Acts 3:19-20
 II Corinthians 1:3-5
 Revelation 21-22

- 5 What things bother God that we as Christians have become desensitized to? What do you need to be more mournful about?

Building by the Blueprint

Mourning precedes repentance. Repentance precedes Refreshing. Is it possible that your lack of joy stems from the absence of sincere mourning over sin? Spend time this week in prayer asking God to help you grieve over what grieves him.

