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SERIES: How to Live a Blessed Life. Matthew 5:3-10

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SERMON: *I've Got Good News for You*

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Matthew 5:1 - Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said: ³**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."** ⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (NIV)

- The Greek word *makarios* means _____.

Jesus is committed to providing Christians _____.
(meeting their needs, exceeding expectations, providing for their spiritual needs, giving them a clean heart, fulfilling desires)

The Beatitudes are _____ statements because the kingdom of God is completely the _____ of this cursed world.

The beatitudes are _____ but statements of facts.

They are not directives but _____.

I recognize I am inadequate to _____
I know that I cannot save myself, heal myself, help myself, or bless myself.

WHAT DOES BEING BOTH POOR IN SPIRIT AND BLESSED LOOK LIKE?

1. I am learning to depend on God's _____, not my own.

2. I am learning to depend on God's _____, not my own.

3. I am learning to depend on God's _____, not my own.

4. I am learning to _____, not my own.

A blessed life all depends on _____.

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The following are devotional questions for those who wish to pray, study the Bible, and consider how to apply this week's message from God's Word.

Psalms 62:5-7, *"Rest in God alone, my soul, for my hope comes from him. ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I will not be shaken. ⁷ My salvation and glory depend on God, my strong rock. My refuge is in God."* (CSB)

1 Peter 2:23, *"When they hurled insults at him, Jesus did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats back. Instead, he entrusted himself to God to set things right."*

1. Our lives are blessed when we depend on God to be our shield and defender. We demonstrate enormous maturity by being silent before our accusers. Everyone experiences being misunderstood, criticized, judged, and naturally we want to defend ourselves. There will always be people who misunderstand you, even in your closest relatives. You will face great temptation to defend yourself.
2. List the metaphors used in Psalm 62:5-7 to describe what God does for us?
3. What do we gain by the blessings of God's refuge and protection instead of relying on ourselves?

Philippians 4:19, *"And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* (CSB)

4. Financial worries are one of the greatest sources of anxiety. Share a time when you faced a serious shortage and God supplied your need. Are you there right now? How can you depend on God's wealth and not your own?

Psalms 71:16a, *"I walk in the strength of the Lord."* (LB)

Psalms 73:26, *"My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart. He is mine forever!"* (NLT)

5. Our lives are blessed when we depend on God's strength, not our own. In the verses above, the psalmist found comfort when his strength was insufficient. **Consider memorizing them both.**

Every day this week, remember:

Psalms 2:12, *"All who take refuge in God are happy."* (CSB)