

HOW GOD BLESSES BROKEN HEARTS

The Keys to a Blessed Life (8 Beatitudes) – Part 2

Matthew 5:4 “God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

- God doesn’t expect me to _____.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven . . . There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.”

- Grief is essential _____.

Psalm 32:3 (NCV) “When I kept things to myself, I felt weak deep inside me. I moaned all day long.”

Psalm 39:2 (ESV) “I was silent and held my peace to no avail. My distress only grew worse.”

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1. God _____.

Psalm 34:18 (NCV) “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, and he saves those whose spirits have been crushed.”

Hebrews 13:5 “I will never leave you and I will never abandon you.”

2 Corinthians 6:10a (LB) “Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord.”

2. God _____.

Isaiah 53:3 “(Jesus was) a man of sorrows acquainted with bitterest grief. He knew suffering first hand.”

John 11:33-36 “When Jesus saw Lazarus’ sister sobbing, and saw how all those with her were crying also, his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved . . . Then Jesus started crying. ‘See how much he loved Lazarus!’ they said.”

John 11:35 “Jesus wept.”

Isaiah 61:2-3 (TEV) (Jesus) “He has sent me to comfort all who mourn, to give to those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief, and a song of praise instead of sorrow.”

3. God _____.

Romans 12:5,10,15 (NIV/GW) “In Christ we who are many form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others . . . Be devoted to each other like a loving family . . . Rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ICB) “Comfort each other and give each other strength.”

4. God _____.

Proverbs 20:30 (TEV) “Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.”

Romans 8:28 (NIV) “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him . . .”

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (CEV) “These troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing. Things that are seen don’t last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. That’s why we keep focused on the things that can’t be seen.”

5. God _____.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (GW) “We don’t want you to be ignorant about believers who have died. We don’t want you to grieve like the people who have no hope

Revelation 21:4 (NIV) “God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have passed away.”

6. God _____.

2 Corinthians 1:4 “God comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others with the same comfort we received from God.”