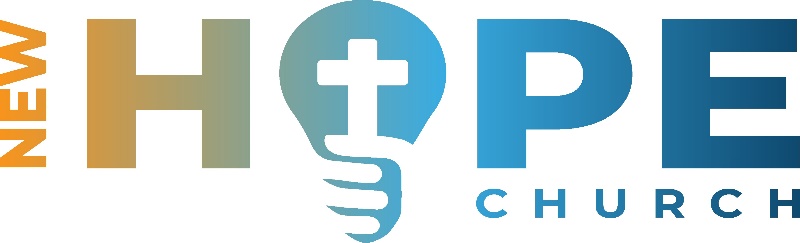
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**Outline**

**Summer on the Mount**

Matthew 5:4

Pastor Karen, July 14, 2024

Story from *The Cross and the Switchblade* by David Wilkerson

Theme: The Beatitudes: Beautiful Attitudes of the Kingdom of God

Matt. 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. NIV

*The* *Message* “You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

3 topics: Blessedness, Mourning, Comfort

1. To be Blessed.
2. How does the world define blessed? Material things
3. What does it mean to be blessed? Singularly favored by God. Graciously approved by God.
4. Who are the blessed ones? Those who have true faith and trust in God.
5. To Mourn
6. What is this mourning? A godly sorrow that leads to repentance
7. Who are those who mourn? Those who experience a spiritual awakening to their own sin.
8. Why are they mourning? They are mourning over their own dead soul.
9. How does this contrast to the world’s mourning? People try to deaden the pain, cover it up or numb it.

The opposite: “Wretched are those who deny the tragedy of their sinfulness, for they will be troubled.”

Jeremiah 4:8- he was trying to warn them. Joel 2:12, 2 Cor. 7:10

1. To Be Comforted
2. Who does the comforting? A promise from God. Isaiah 61:1-3 A beautiful crown instead of the ashes of mourning.
3. Under what conditions are we comforted? Receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. Jesus took the punishment for your sin. Your debt to God is paid.
4. In what ways are we comforted? Knowing that we are forgiven brings freedom. Rom. 8:1 Jesus understands us completely Heb.4:15 We have true fellowship with him. Phil. 3:10 Great rewards.

David Wilkerson: “God uses people to perform his work, not angels. He uses burdened, broken hearted, weeping men and women.”

1. How is this a contrast to the world’s comfort? Enjoy life today for tomorrow we die.

James 4:9-10 Don’t become proud of your righteousness.

Jerry Bridges: “Our religious pride, our critical attitudes, our unkind speech about others- all these are serious in the sight of God.”

Deitrich Bonhoeffer: “Many Christians are unthinkably horrified when a real sinner is suddenly discovered among the righteous. The fact is that WE are real sinners.”

Pastor Karen*: Since you can’t change your past, you might as well let Jesus change your future.*

Conclusion: “You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.