



Beautiful Brokenness

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What comes to mind when you hear the word “blessed”?

We may assume that to be blessed is merely to be happy or to enjoy good fortune. But, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus casts a different vision of what it means to be blessed: to be commended by God. In this session, Matt Chandler, pastor at The Village Church in the Flower Mound, TX, introduces us to the idea that the blessings of the Beatitudes are not a formula for happiness, but a declaration from God about us, often despite our circumstances.

READ [MATTHEW 4:23-5:12](#).

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Before preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus had begun widening the reach of his ministry. Crowds were gathering from every corner of the region to come and follow Jesus, which sets the stage for our passage.

One of the key themes that undergirds the Beatitudes—a theme that Matt said is the foundation these Beatitudes are built on—is the kingdom of God. In fact, our study begins near the end of Matthew 4 because, as Matt asserted, Jesus’s initial preaching of the kingdom of God is a prerequisite to understanding what’s going on in the Beatitudes.

After giving his overview of the Beatitudes, Matt zoomed in on the first one, which says, *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”* Matt said God pronounces blessing on you “when you’re at the end of yourself, when you come to God with empty hands.”

Have you ever come to the end of yourself? What that was like for you?

During that season, while you were at the end of yourself, how did you experience God’s blessing? In what ways did you find it difficult to recognize God’s blessing during that time?

For those who are poor in spirit—those at the end of themselves—Jesus promises that “the kingdom of heaven is theirs.” In what ways do you draw encouragement from Jesus’s promise in this passage?

PRAY: Take a few quiet moments to bring your weariness, your frustrations, and any ongoing struggle with sin into the presence of Jesus, and confess your need for him, either alone or in the company of others. Assure yourself of the truth of this passage by reciting it aloud.