

# The BRAVING of the KINGDOM

Matthew 5:3-10

## WHAT DO THE BEATITUDES PROMISE?

...the \_\_\_\_\_ is yours.  
 ...you'll be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ...you'll inherit the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ...you'll be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ...you'll be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ...you'll see \_\_\_\_\_.  
 ...you'll be called a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.  
 ...the \_\_\_\_\_ is yours.

- They are poor in spirit.
- They mourn.
- They're humble.
- They're hungry and thirsty for righteousness.
- They're merciful.
- They're pure in heart.
- They make peace.
- They're persecuted.

## HOW DOES JESUS DESCRIBE THE BLESSED?

Matthew 5:3-6

Prayer Journaling Prompts (for the Beatitudes we've covered on the podcast so far)

<p><b>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.</b></p>	<p><i>Where do I feel poorest in my spirit right now? Where do I keep coming up empty? How does it change my perspective, knowing that's where Jesus will meet me?</i></p>
<p><b>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.</b></p>	<p><i>Can comfort come if I allow myself to feel so uncomfortable? Jesus promises comfort to those who grieve. How can I take that step of faith?</i></p>
<p><b>Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.</b></p>	<p><i>Inheriting requires patience. Where have I grown restless and followed the lure of instant gratification? Where do I need to recover reverence for God and His kingdom and lift my eyes off of my own efforts and image?</i></p>
<p><b>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.</b></p>	<p><i>Filling comes when I am hungry for what actually fills. Have I been consumed with my appetites instead of what promises to satisfy them? What am I honestly craving? How can I submit my disordered longings to Jesus?</i></p>

*We pursue the Beatitudes because we are pursuing Jesus! They can only be lived out in intimate relationship with Him. Jesus is the biggest blessing we find when we brave the Beatitudes!*