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*The Radical Call of The Sermon on the Mount*

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“The seeds of rebellion  
are always planted in  
hypocrisy.”

*Pastor Doug Kempton*





# THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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Please turn to

# MATTHEW CHAPTER 5

(Page 809 in the Bible under your seat)



Please remember to silence your phone, but feel free to check in at Grace and post all the good stuff on social media!

# Is this actually the teachings of Jesus?

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teachings of Jesus?

Is the Sermon on the  
Mount meant to be lived  
out in our current culture?



“We need to recognize the tension between the ideal and reality because anyone that says, ‘I live out the Sermon on the Mount completely’ has never read it.”

*John Stott*

# MATTHEW 5:1-12

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<sup>1</sup> Seeing the crowds, he (Jesus) went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:



# MATTHEW 5:1-12

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3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

# MATTHEW 5:1-12

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5 “Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.



# MATTHEW 5:1-12

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**7** “Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.

**8** “Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

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**9** “Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.

**10** “Blessed are those who are  
persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



# MATTHEW 5:1-12

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**11** “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

# MATTHEW 5:1-12

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**12** Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven,  
for so they persecuted the  
prophets who were before you.”





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# BLESSED

/ blēs' id, blěst / (*adjective*)  
from Greek makarios (μακάριος)

exceedingly happy;  
to be envied;  
to be prosperous





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**ALL EIGHT QUALITIES ARE  
TO BE FOUND IN ALL FOLLOWERS.**



# MATTHEW 5:3

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“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

# POOR

/ pŏor/ (*adjective*)

a humble understanding  
of one's complete  
dependance on God.

# REVELATION 3:17

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For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked



# MATTHEW 5:4

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“Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.”

# MATTHEW 5:5

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“Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.”

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“Meekness is a true view of oneself, expressing itself in attitude and conduct to others.”

*Dr. Lloyd Jones*



# MATTHEW 5:6

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“Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness...”

# MATTHEW 5:7

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“Blessed are the merciful...”



**THERE IS NO COMPASSION  
IF THERE IS NO ACTION.**



# MATTHEW 5:8

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“Blessed are the pure in heart...”

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# MATTHEW 5:9a

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“Blessed are the peacemakers...”



# MATTHEW 5:9

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“Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.”

# MATTHEW 5:10

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“Blessed are those who are  
persecuted for righteousness’ sake...”

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“Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven,  
for so they persecuted the  
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As followers of Jesus,  
sometimes we are  
persecuted for looking  
and acting like Jesus...

BUT

sometimes we are  
persecuted for claiming to  
follow Jesus and looking  
nothing like Him.



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