

The Comfort Few Seek

...they shall be comforted... Matthew 5:4

Personal _____ invites God's _____.
So... refusing to _____ leaves us without _____!

Heart Opening Questions:

1. What is the mourning that brings comfort?

- a. Mourning is the _____ expression of inward _____.
- b. Biblical e.g. indicate _____ of _____ to redirect life.
 - Psalm 51 and Psalm 32
 - Ezra 9:3-7 & 10:1ff
- c. Contrasts indicate what mourning is NOT.
 - Mourning is not _____ or _____ in being caught; it is verbal. Luke 6:25, James 4:9
 - Mourning is not just _____; it brings _____. 2 Cor. 7:10
 - Mourning is not "_____." Hebrews 12:16-17

2. What prompts mourning that leads to comfort?

- a. A firm grip on the _____ of God as my _____.
"I've sinned against my _____ Ps. 51:4; Lk. 15:18; Rm. 2:4f.
- b. Sensitivity to the _____ of the _____.
Isaiah 63:10, Eph. 4:30 Sin is always seen in light of _____!
- c. Conviction of the _____ my sin causes _____.
Hebrews 6:6 & 10:29; 2 Samuel 12:14; Romans 2:24
- d. Loving intervention and discipline from _____ or _____.
1 Cor. 5 and 11:30-32; Matthew 18:15-19

3. What hinders mourning my way to comfort? _____!

- a. 1 Cor. 5:2 "You have become _____ and not mourned instead!"
- b. Ps 51:17 "The sacrifices of God... a _____ spirit; a _____ heart..."
- c. Is. 66:2 "...him who is _____ and _____...trembles at my _____!
We must be _____: To _____; to _____.
We will never live _____ (holy) without being broken!

Challenge: God sends His _____ to those who _____.

He delivers it by His _____ (parakletos) and His _____ (parakaleo).

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Personal brokenness invites God's comfort.

So... refusing to mourn leaves us without comfort!

Heart Opening Questions:

1. What is the mourning that brings comfort?

- a. Mourning is the audible expression of inward conviction.
- b. Biblical e.g. indicate breaking of willfulness to redirect life.
 - Psalm 51 and Psalm 32
 - Ezra 9:3-7 & 10:1ff
- c. Contrasts indicate what mourning is NOT.
 - Mourning is not pain or grief in being caught; it is verbal. Luke 6:25, James 4:9
 - Mourning is not just sorrow; it brings repentance. 2 Cor. 7:10
 - Mourning is not "crying." Hebrews 12:16-17

2. What prompts mourning that leads to comfort?

- a. A firm grip on the love of God as my Father.
"I've sinned against my Heavenly Father. Ps. 51:4; Lk. 15:18; Rm. 2:4f.
- b. Sensitivity to the grief of the Holy Spirit.
Isaiah 63:10, Eph. 4:30 Sin is always seen in light of relationship!
- c. Conviction of the shame my sin causes Jesus Christ.
Hebrews 6:6 & 10:29; 2 Samuel 12:14; Romans 2:24
- d. Loving intervention and discipline from God's family or God.
1 Cor. 5 and 11:30-32; Matthew 18:15-19

3. What hinders mourning my way to comfort? PRIDE!

- a. 1 Cor. 5:2 "You have become arrogant and not mourned instead!"
- b. Ps 51:17 "The sacrifices of God... a broken spirit; a broken heart..."
- c. Is. 66:2 "...him who is humble and contrite...trembles at my word!
We must be broken: To shatter; to set free.
We will never live wholly (holy) without being broken!

Challenge: God sends His encouragement to those who mourn.

He delivers it by His Spirit (*parakletos*) and His people (*parakaleo*).