

2015 “The Jesus Year”

“Leap!”

Jumping Into The God Life (Part #2)

“A Tearful Leap!”

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said:

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

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

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You Can Move From Sorrow To Joy...

*Mourn Your Losses!

“... Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.”—**Psalm 30:5**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.”—**Ecclesiastes 3:1-4**

*Connect Your Pain To The Larger Story!

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.”—**Romans 8:18-23**

-See Your Loss In The Light Of The Suffering Of Others!

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

⁶If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.”—**2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

“Healing starts by experiencing the powerless of not knowing what to do together!”—**Henri Nouwen**

-See Your Loss In The Light Of The Suffering Of Christ!

“Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”—**Hebrews 12:3**

-Experience Your Loss In The Light Of Community!

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”
—**Romans 12:15**

*Discover Jesus in the midst of your Mourning!

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”—**Revelation 21:4**

This Week’s Verse To Memorize...

Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

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