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Reality Check

Matthew 5:1-5

Big Idea: Embracing my need for God allows me to experience the blessings of God

Blessed = perfect happiness, joy, inner satisfaction, divine comfort

Embracing My Need For God Requires:

1) A Reality Check (v. 3)

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world ... But God being, rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.”

- Ephesians 2:1-2, 4-5

Common Excuses Why I Don't Take My Sin Seriously:

- 1) I'm not a bad person/I'm a good person
- 2) My sin isn't that big a deal
- 3) My sin isn't my fault
- 4) It's not my top priority
- 5) I'll still go to heaven anyway
- 6) I'll get around to it one day
- 7) I don't see my sin
- 8) I just don't want to deal with it

2) Genuine Repentance (v. 4)

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

– 1 John 1:8-9

“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.”

- 2 Corinthians 7:10

My Path Of Genuine Repentance

- 1) See & admit my sin,
- 2) Be broken by my sin
- 3) Confess my sin
- 4) Turn from my sin & towards God
- 5) Do what it takes to make things right

3) Authentic Humility (v. 5)

YOU ARE LOVED