

“Not Fine, but Honest”

Matthew 5:4

What It Means. . .

Those who mourn grieve sin’s **wreckage** before God.

- We mourn the sin **in** us.
- We mourn the sin **around** us.
- We mourn the sorrow sin leaves **behind**.

What It Confronts. . .

Jesus exposes the **hard** heart that will not mourn sin.

In Our Culture. . .

- We are trained to **condemn** sin or **excuse** sin, but not to mourn.
- We are trained to **numb** sorrow, but not to **face** it before God.

In the Church. . .

- We can mistake shallow **positivity** for Christian joy.
- We can **admit** sin without grieving sin.

See It in Jesus. . .

Jesus mourns the **ruin** of sin, then bears it as the Man of **Sorrows**.

Receive the Promise. . .

Jesus comforts mourners with **mercy** no sorrow can undo.

- His comfort is **present**.
- His comfort is **final**.

Reflect then Act. . .

- **Reflect:** Where have I grown hard to sin’s wreckage: the sin in me, the sin around me, or the sorrow sin leaves behind? Am I more likely to condemn, excuse, numb, or despair than to mourn before God?
- **Act:** Practice gospel mourning this week. Name one specific sin before God, grieve it honestly, and carry it to Christ for mercy. Then pray for one person whose sin or sorrow you are tempted to judge, excuse, or avoid.