

Fifth Sunday in Kingdomtide

July 10, 2022

The How of Happiness

8 Principles for Powerful Living

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "Happy are the Hopeless"

Scripture: St. Matthew 5:1-12 (Common English Bible)

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. ² He taught them, saying:

³ "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴ "Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

⁵ "Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

⁷ "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

⁹ "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

¹⁰ "Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

¹¹ "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me.

¹² Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

~ Sermon Notes ~

In the first of 8 proven principles – Jesus is telling us that when we come to the end of our rope, God is there! If you are at the end of your rope, you need to remember 4 things:

1. God Sees Our _____.

When you don't know what to do, God does. Your problems are God's opportunities to do something new and fresh in your life.

2. God Hears Our _____.

You may have something in your possession today you think is relatively unimportant, and you may think you don't need it today, but you will need it tomorrow. You may think God cannot use it today, but God may be able to use it tomorrow.

3. God Keeps His _____.

The greatest advice ever given in the Bible was at the wedding at Cana when Mary the mother of Jesus looked at the servants and said, "Whatever He says to you, do it." (John 2:5)

4. God Provides Healing _____.

If you are at that point and you are at the end of your rope, just remember this: God sees your problems, God hears your prayers, God keeps His promises, and God gives your provision. So when you don't know what to do, trust God, obey God, and God will be at work in your life.

