

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Kingdom Matters
Message: Blessed are the Troubled
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Here is a summary of what we covered in Jesus' sermon from Matthew 5:1-12. Slowly read each one and ask yourself where you are with each. Are there some that you sense you are doing well and growing in? Some that need significant attention?

poor – humbly recognize I am far from God due to my own fault and I need forgiveness

mourn – broken over what I have done without any excuses

humble – ready to accept God's forgiveness and mercy and learn to live a new life

hunger and thirst for justice – ongoing desire to learn and apply what God says is true and right

merciful – showing others the same grace and mercy that God has given me

pure in heart – guiding desire to please and honor God in all that I think and do

work for peace – live to show and tell others the great news of God's love and grace

Jesus is clear that persecution and trouble are going to be part of our life as we follow Him. A great example of this happened early in the life of Jesus' disciples. Read the account of what happened and ask God to help you see what you can learn, as they applied Jesus' teaching to the situation.

²⁶ The captain went with his Temple guards and arrested the apostles, but without violence, for they were afraid the people would stone them. ²⁷ Then they brought the apostles before the high council, where the high priest confronted them. ²⁸ "Didn't we tell you never again to teach in this man's name?" he demanded. "Instead, you have filled all Jerusalem with your teaching about him, and you want to make us responsible for his death!" ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead after you killed him by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ Then God put him in the place of honor at his right hand as Prince and Savior. He did this so the people of Israel would repent of their sins and be forgiven. ³² We are witnesses of these things and so is the Holy Spirit, who is given by God to those who obey him." ³³ When they heard this, the high council was furious and decided to kill them. ³⁴ But one member, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, who was an expert in religious law and respected by all the people, stood up and ordered that the men be sent outside the council chamber for a while. ³⁵ Then he said to his colleagues, "Men of Israel, take care what you are planning to do to these men! ³⁶ Some time ago there was that fellow Theudas, who pretended to be someone great. About 400 others joined him, but he was killed, and all his followers went their various ways. The whole movement came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, at the time of the census, there was Judas of Galilee. He got people to follow him, but he was killed, too, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ So my advice is, leave these men alone. Let them go. If they are planning and doing these things merely on their own, it will soon be overthrown. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God!" ⁴⁰ The others accepted his advice. They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. ⁴¹ The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus. ⁴² And every day, in the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: "Jesus is the Messiah."

Acts 5:26-42 (NLT)

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation