

East Side Church

Life Notes

When Mourning Turns to Morning

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Matthew 5:4

Biblical Insight: People who are aware of their spiritual need become aware of the spiritual need of the world.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. —Matthew 5:4 (ESV)

Biblical Truth: When we live in relationship with God through Jesus Christ, we mourn or grieve for our spiritual poverty and the sin of the world.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. —James 4:8-10 (ESV)

Biblical Promise: When we mourn or grieve for our sin and the sin of the world, Jesus promises to comfort us by His presence.

As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. —2 Corinthians 7:9-10 (ESV)

Biblical Principle: Jesus' presence in our life comforts us by demonstrating the power of God over our sin and the world's sin.

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and not one will take your joy from you. —John 16:20-22 (ESV)