

**How To Live In An Evil World  
As Christians  
Matthew 5: 1-12**

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**Being a disciple then and now  
will require *“GRIT”***

**GRIT = bravery, backbone, guts,  
spunk**





**Disciples can expect the fullness  
of His grace**

**John 1: 16**



A photograph of a seagull standing on a sandy beach. The bird is facing left, with its long beak pointing towards the water. The ocean waves are breaking gently onto the shore, creating white foam. The sky is not visible, but the overall scene is bright and clear.

For of His fullness we have all  
received, and grace upon grace.

John 1:16

## Verse 1 - 2

**The Stage is set perfectly**

**The crowds are flocking to see Jesus,  
*the excitement is palpable!***

**Jesus surprises the masses and  
withdraws to a solitary place with the  
12 disciples**

**He begins to teach the 12 from the  
mountain top**

**The acoustics are perfect; the people  
can hear what Jesus is teaching**





**Jesus will teach us how to live in an evil world as Christians!**

**Jesus' sermon is called**

***“The Beatitudes”***

**(Latin for happy)**

**It is all about how to live here with a *“BE”* ATTITUDE!**

**All the Beatitudes are what we will *“BE”* when we dwell in Christ!!**

## Verse 3 - 6

**“BE” Attitudes that are directed  
to God**

**Blessed** = “*markarios*” = fully satisfied,  
joyful; the inner condition of  
the believer

**THE POOR IN SPIRIT** = helpless, one  
who needs lifting – **Psalm 3: 3**

Those poor in spirit are helpless,  
lost, and realize their need for the  
Savior!

**Promise:**

***“ . . . theirs is the kingdom of heaven ”***

**THOSE WHO MOURN** = mourn over their  
sin; sad, grieved

**Promise:**

***“ . . . for they shall be comforted ”***

The picture is God holding you,  
embracing you

He is the ***“God of all comfort”***  
**2 Corinthians 1: 3**



**THE MEEK** = strong, but tender and humble; no self-agenda, is teachable; a controlled spirit

**Promise:**

***“ . . . they shall inherit the earth ”***

Sounds like kingdom rule!

In meekness, Jesus is our example

**Matthew 11: 28-30**

# THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Those who *continue* to hunger, *continue* to thirst
- Not streaky, not righteous in spurts, *but is continuous*

## Promise:

**“ . . . *they shall be filled*”**

***They will be satisfied!!***

The first four **“BE” Attitudes** are directed to God

They will overflow into our lives, impacting our world!

## Verse 7 - 10

**“*BE*” Attitudes that are directed  
at the world**

**MERCIFUL** = a forgiving spirit; does not hold people's feet to the fire; a spirit of empathy

**Promise:**

*“ . . . they shall obtain mercy ”*

Those who give mercy will receive mercy

Mercy gets involved – **Romans 12: 15**

**CAREFUL:** Mercy is not enabling

Be discerning, mercy is NOT helping those who can help themselves!



# PURE IN HEART

- Those who still blush at sin;  
those who live a clean life
- A life controlled by the Holy Spirit

## Promise:

*“ . . . they shall see God ”*

# PEACEMAKERS

- Brings peace into life's situations
- Has peace with God
- Can live with the peace of God

## Promise:

*“ . . . they shall be called sons of God ”*

## CAREFUL:

- Being a peacemaker is full time work
- Your flesh will not want to make peace, your flesh will want its way
- Flesh peace is self-centered peace, *“I get my way”* peace

- PERSECUTED** - Ridiculed for Christ  
- Ostracized for Christ  
- Martyred for Christ

**Promise:**

***“ . . . theirs is the kingdom of heaven ”***

**Warning:** Those who live out their faith will be persecuted - **2 Timothy 3: 12**  
**Philippians 1: 29**

Kingdom people cannot be friends with the world - *do you believe this?*

**James 4: 4**

Verse 11 -12

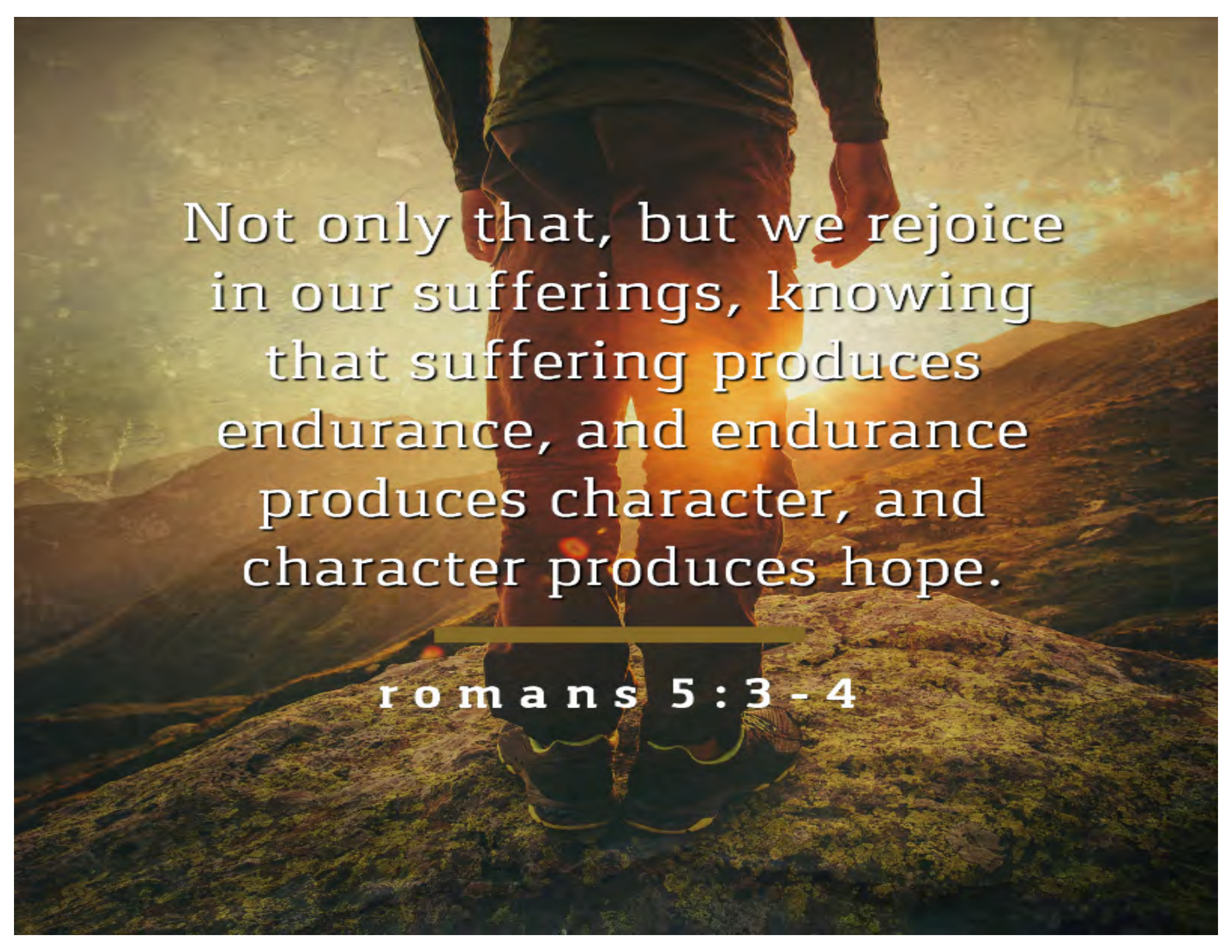
Rejoice when persecuted –  
*WHUTTT???*



**The secret to suffering is not in the moment, no one wants to suffer**

**Suffering benefits are in what is produced when we suffer**

**Romans 5: 3-5**

A person is seen from behind, standing on a rocky peak. They are wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and dark sneakers with yellow accents. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and casting long shadows. The landscape consists of rolling hills and valleys, some covered in green vegetation. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds.

Not only that, but we rejoice  
in our sufferings, knowing  
that suffering produces  
endurance, and endurance  
produces character, and  
character produces hope.

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**r o m a n s 5 : 3 - 4**

**No believer is ever encouraged to pursue persecution, it will come naturally**

**If we cannot escape suffering, how are we to respond?**

**Revelation 12: 11**

**A MUST KNOW:**

**God will give you the strength at the time**

**Matthew 10: 16-20**

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

The world will never embrace  
the “**BE**” Attitudes – *these are a  
God thing!*



A lone, green tree stands on a rocky, jagged peak. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, swirling clouds and a bright, glowing light source on the right side, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of resilience and strength.

STAND

STRONG

Jesus is sending you out into an evil world, so be WISE!

*“Behold, I send you out as sheep  
in the midst of wolves.*

*Therefore, be WISE as serpents and  
harmless as doves.”*

Matthew 10:16

## **SURVIVAL PRINCIPLE:**

- Stay close to the herd
- Don't wander off







## **SURVIVAL PRINCIPLE:**

- **Stay close to your Shepherd**



**When persecution comes, how will  
I respond?**

*Allow Corrie Ten Boom  
to help us*







# HOW TO LIVE IN AN EVIL WORLD AS CHRISTIANS

*SEE >*

*JUDGE >*

*ACT*

**REMEMBER:**

*GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE  
STRENGTH TO STAND AT  
THE TIME!*



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STRONG