In the Favor of God

All Saints, November 1, November 2026

Revelation 7:9-17 - Psalm 34:1-10, 22 - 1 John 3:1-3 - Matthew 5:1-12

What does it mean to be blessed? Happiness? Contentment?

Jesus is the Rabbi, always referring back to scripture when he speaks.

Poor In Spirit

- Psalm 34:18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- Isaiah 66:2 These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.

Those poor in spirit are called "blessed" by Jesus, not because they are in a meritorious condition, but because, precisely in spite of and in the midst of their ever so deplorable condition, the rule of the heavens has moved redemptively upon and through them by the grace of Christ. *The Divine Conspiracy, Dallas Willard*

Mourn

- Job 5:11 The lowly he sets on high, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.

Meek

- Psalms 37:11 But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.
- Zephaniah 3:12 But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the Lord.

Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

- Psalms 107:9 for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Merciful

- Nehemiah 9:31 But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.

Pure in Heart

- Psalms 73:1 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

Righteousness

- Psalms 103:6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

We realize that in isolation, hope dims, but I'm in a community of cherished belonging, our hope flourishes and thrives. *Greg Boyle, Cherished Belonging*

Practice: What are the blessings in my life? Are they in the favor of God?