

THE HOPE CHOICE

Life's Healing Choices: The Beatitudes, Part 2

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Galatians 5:1a (NIV) *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."*

THE HOPE CHOICE: *Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, that He has the power to help me change.*

Matthew 5:4 (NIV) *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."*

We try to _____ to a place of comfort and hope.

GOD'S PATH TO COMFORT AND HOPE...

1. SEE WHO GOD REALLY IS...

HE IS NOT _____!

Romans 8:34 (TLB) *"Who then will condemn us? Will Christ? No! For He is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us there in heaven."*

Psalms 86:15 (NIV) *"But You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."*

2 Corinthians 1:3b (NCV) *"God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort."*

Psalms 23:4 (NIV) *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."*

2. SEE WHO YOU REALLY ARE...

YOU ARE _____!

Romans 3:23 (NLT) *"For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard."*

Luke 12:2 (NASB95) *"But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known."*

Luke 12:2 (MSG) *"You can't keep your true self hidden forever; before long you'll be exposed. You can't hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known."*

Psalms 119:76 (NIV) *"May your unfailing love be my comfort."*

Human love is often earned.

But God's love is a _____.

Romans 3:24 (NLT) *“Yet now God in His gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.”*

You have to _____ over your sin
before you can feel better.

3. SEE HOW GOD REALLY WORKS...

HE CAN _____ YOU!

Isaiah 40:29-31 (NLT) *“He (God) gives power to those who are tired and worn out; He offers strength to the weak. ³⁰ Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. ³¹ But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.”*

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) *“...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.”*

Philippians 2:13 (Phillips) *“For it is God who is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose.”*