

Baby it's cold outside!



# Can you navigate the difficulties of life?

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- ❖ We need a great teacher
- ❖ We need a great Savior!
- ❖ Jesus is that one and only person who will accomplish both needs!

# New Series: The Sermon on the Mount, or, *Navigating Life*

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- ❖ Learning the Christian 'walk'
- ❖ Growing in our *faith*
- ❖ Getting *closer to Jesus*

# Navigation 101, Lesson 1: Happy!

Matthew 5.1-12

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Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

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He said:

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

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<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

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<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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**11** “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. **12** Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



makarios: *blessed, happy*

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- ❖ **Original Word:** μακάριος, α, ον
- ❖ **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- ❖ **Transliteration:** makarios
- ❖ **Phonetic Spelling:** (mak-ar'-ee-os)
- ❖ **Short Definition:** happy, blessed
- ❖ **Definition:** happy, blessed, to be *envied*.

To be happy – blessed - when . . .

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❖ You are mourning:

❖ *Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*

To be happy – blessed - when ...

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- ❖ You are being *persecuted*
- ❖ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

To be happy – blessed - when . . .

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❖ You are *insulted, lied about*

❖ <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

## Blessed - happy

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1. poor in spirit - for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Mourn - for they will be comforted.
3. Meek - for they will inherit the earth.
4. who hunger and thirst for righteousness - for they will be filled.
5. Merciful - for they will be shown mercy.

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6. pure in heart - for they will see God.

7. Peacemakers - for they will be called children of God.

8. persecuted because of righteousness -  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

9. when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me

## *Rejoice and be glad, because . . .*

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❖<sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

# Remember:

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- ❖ great is your reward in heaven!
- ❖ If you are Christ's, then
- ❖ ***God is with you!***



# Psalm 46

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God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth  
give way and the mountains fall into the heart  
of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

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He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**11** The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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*Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay.*

*But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.*

Lewis, C. S.. Mere Christianity (C.S. Lewis Signature Classics) (p. 227). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.

# Jesus is our navigator!

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- ❖ He knows us
- ❖ He loves us
- ❖ He knows the way ahead
- ❖ We can trust Him