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“B5”

**Blessed are Those
Who Show Mercy**

“Let Go of My Ego”

Vitamins are Beneficial

B Vitamins have been used for years for:

- **Energy**
- **Outlook**
- **Strength**

Jesus Gives us some B Vitamins for:

- **Energy**
- **Outlook**
- **Strength**

They are Called ...the Beatitudes

Blessed = Happy



Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy*

Blessed= Happy

Mercy= the True...

...Beauty of the Cross

“True Happiness comes from Reflecting...

...the Beauty of the Cross”

The Beatitudes Fall into...

...2 Distinct Categories

The First 4 Deal with Our Relationship to God

- ***“poor in spirit”*** -admitting our need for Him.
- ***“mourn”*** -we see our sin in light of the Cross
- ***“meek”*** -Surrender to God’s control

The Result of the First 3 Steps?

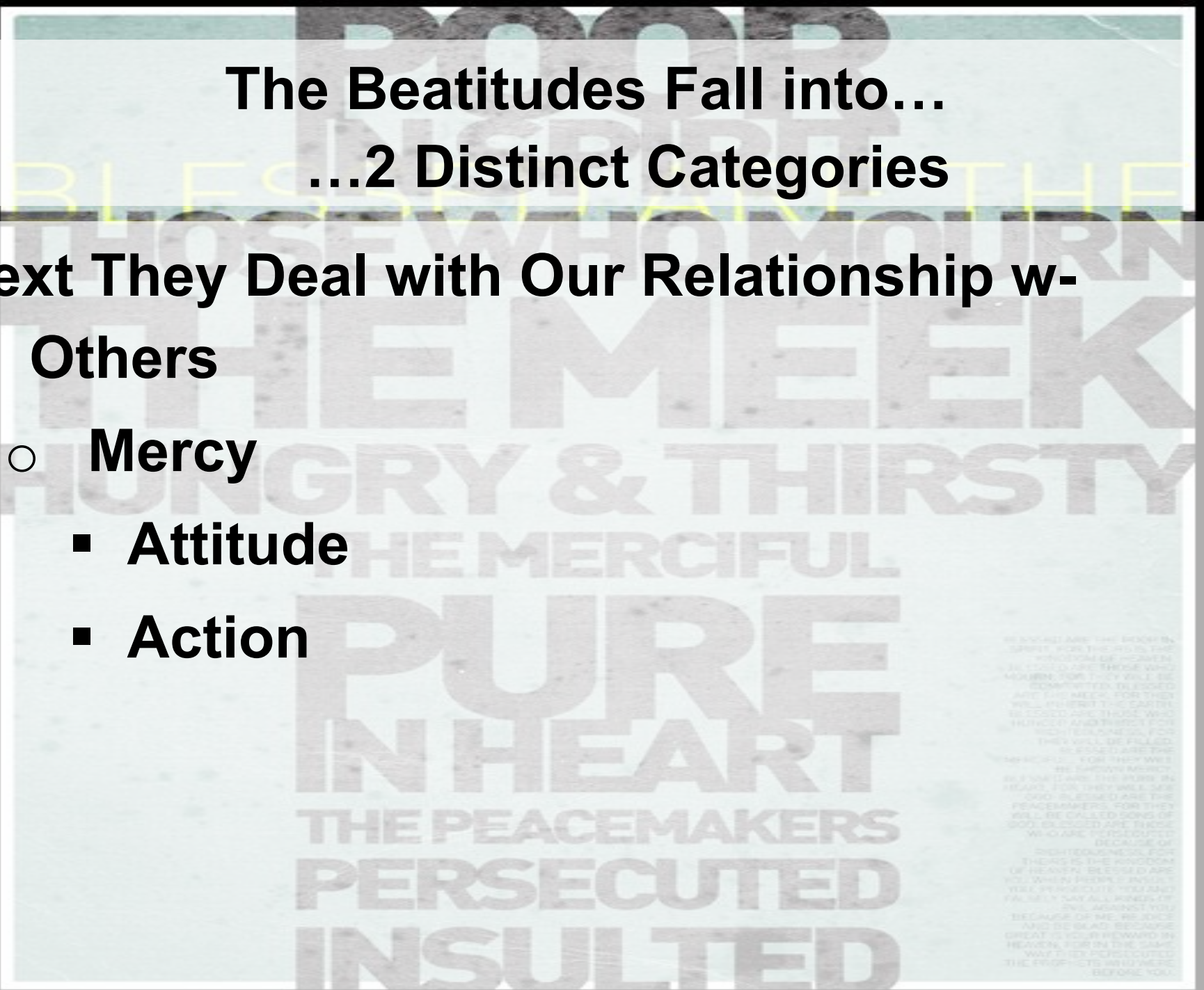
- You hunger and thirst after a right relationship with God and you are filled.

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WHO MOURN, WHO ARE MEAK,
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WHO ARE PEACEMAKERS,
WHO ARE PURSUED FOR
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HEAVEN. BLESSED ARE
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HEART, WHO HAVE SINGLE
MINDS, WHO LOVE GOD
WITH ALL THEIR HEART,
MIND, AND STRENGTH,
AND WHO LOVE THEIR
NEIGHBORS AS THEMSELVES,
FOR THEY WILL REMAIN
IN HIS LOVE FOREVER.

The Beatitudes Fall into... ...2 Distinct Categories

Next They Deal with Our Relationship w- Others

- Mercy
 - Attitude
 - Action





Mercy

- 5th Step to Happiness

Mercy is...

- Redirecting...
 - ...Over Riding the Flesh (*attitude*)
- Reflecting...
 - ...the Power of the Cross (*action*)
- Mercy can be on 2 Levels
 - *It Can Be "Received"*
 - *It Can Be "Reciprocated"*
- **Matt 5:7 (NCV)** *They are blessed who show mercy to others, for God will show mercy to them*

Mercy has a Flow

Gal 6:7-8 (YLT) ⁷ *Be not led astray; God is not mocked; for what a man may sow--that also he shall reap, ⁸ because he who is sowing to his own flesh, of the flesh shall reap corruption; and he who is sowing to the Spirit, of the Spirit shall reap life age-during;*

The Ministry is...

- **Not just Do What Feels Good (*satisfies flesh*)**
- **We are to Do What is Right (*satisfies God*)**

The Downward Flow of Mercy: Mercy Offered

Flows from...

- Heaven
- Garden (*promise*)
- Bethlehem (*proof*)
- Cross (*power*)

Mercy = Describes One of God's Attributes.

- Eph.2:4 says He is "*rich in mercy*"
- Not Simply the Withholding of Punishment
...it is the Act of Giving Help or
...Having Compassion
...on Someone Who is Afflicted

The Inward Flow of Mercy: Mercy Received

- **Psa 40:11**- *Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.*
- **Lam 3:22-23**- *It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. [23] They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*
- **Psa 145:8-9**- *The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. [9] The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.*

The Outward Flow of Mercy: Mercy Extended

4 Ways Mercy Should Flow Out of Our Lives

#1-Merciful People Help Hurting People

(divorce, bereavement, abuse, shut-ins, etc)

- **Matt 25:40** *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.*

#2-Merciful People Are Patient W- Those Who Struggle

- **Gal 6:1-2** *“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. 2 Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”*

The Outward Flow of Mercy: Mercy Extended

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#2-Merciful people are patient with those who struggle.

#3-Merciful People Are Kind, Even to Their Enemies.

- **Matt 5:46** *"If you love those who love you, what reward will you get?"*

#4-Merciful People Are Forgiving People

- **Col 3:13** *"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against each other. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."*

The Reciprocal Flow of Mercy: Mercy Rewarded

**God is the God of Mercy and will pour out His
Mercy
on those who are Merciful.**

Prov 16:7 *“When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord,
he makes even his enemies live at peace w- him.”*

Prov 11:17 *The merciful man doeth good to his own soul:
but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.*

***Blessed are the merciful for they...
...will be shown mercy.***

Benefits of Mercy

- Purges Feelings
- Builds Bridges
- Pricks Conscience
- Promotes Healing
 - Spiritual
 - Relational

#1 Poor in spirit

#2 Mourn

#3 Gentle

#4 Hunger and thirst for righteousness

#5 Merciful

#6 Pure in heart

#7 Peacemakers

#8 Persecuted for sake of righteousness

