



## Humble and Happy (Matthew 5:1-3)

Sunday, January 14, 2024 AVBC 10:30 am

So now I hate life because everything done here under the sun is so irrational. Everything is meaningless, like chasing the wind. (Ecc. 2:17)

### mak-ar-ee-os

supremely blessed, fortunate, well off, blissful, self-contained happiness

- The beatitudes are a \_\_\_\_\_
- Each beatitude contains a promised \_\_\_\_\_ based upon a premise
- The beatitudes \_\_\_\_\_ upside down

-Psalm 51:1-3, 17, Isaiah 6:5a

God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (Matthew 5:3) (NLT)

-Luke 18:9-14

**H \_\_\_\_\_ and h \_\_\_\_\_ go together**

### 1. Humility strengthens \_\_\_\_\_.

*Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. (Philippians 2:3-4)*

### 2. Humility \_\_\_\_\_ life.

*So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and in his good time he will honor you. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you. (1 Peter 5:6-7)*

### 3. Humility releases God's \_\_\_\_\_.

-James 4:4-6

*All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5b)*

### OPPOSES

ἀντιτάσσομαι

>opposite, over against

>to arrange in an orderly manner

-James 4:8,10

"God, I'm spiritually bankrupt. I need You.  
I need Your peace...Your strength...Your blessing.  
I need Your forgiveness.  
God, be merciful to me...a sinner"

### DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: What do you think most people are searching/longing for today?

Q2: If someone were to ask you what you are looking for in life, what would you say?

Q3: Study Philippians 2:1-11. What lessons about humility do you discover in those verses?

Q4: Have you seen pride destroy relationships or seen humility strengthen relationships? If so, explain.

Q5: What do the following verses teach you about God's provision?

-I John 1:9, II Corinthians 9:8, II Peter 1:3, Hebrews 13:5, John 10:10, Matt 6:33, Matt 7:11

Q6: Have you ever had a time in your life when you finally "let go and let God"?

If so, describe how you experienced God's power and provision.

Q7: What does it mean to you that the Kingdom of God is yours right now?

Q8: Read Matthew 5:1-12. Which beatitude most intrigues/confuses you? Why?