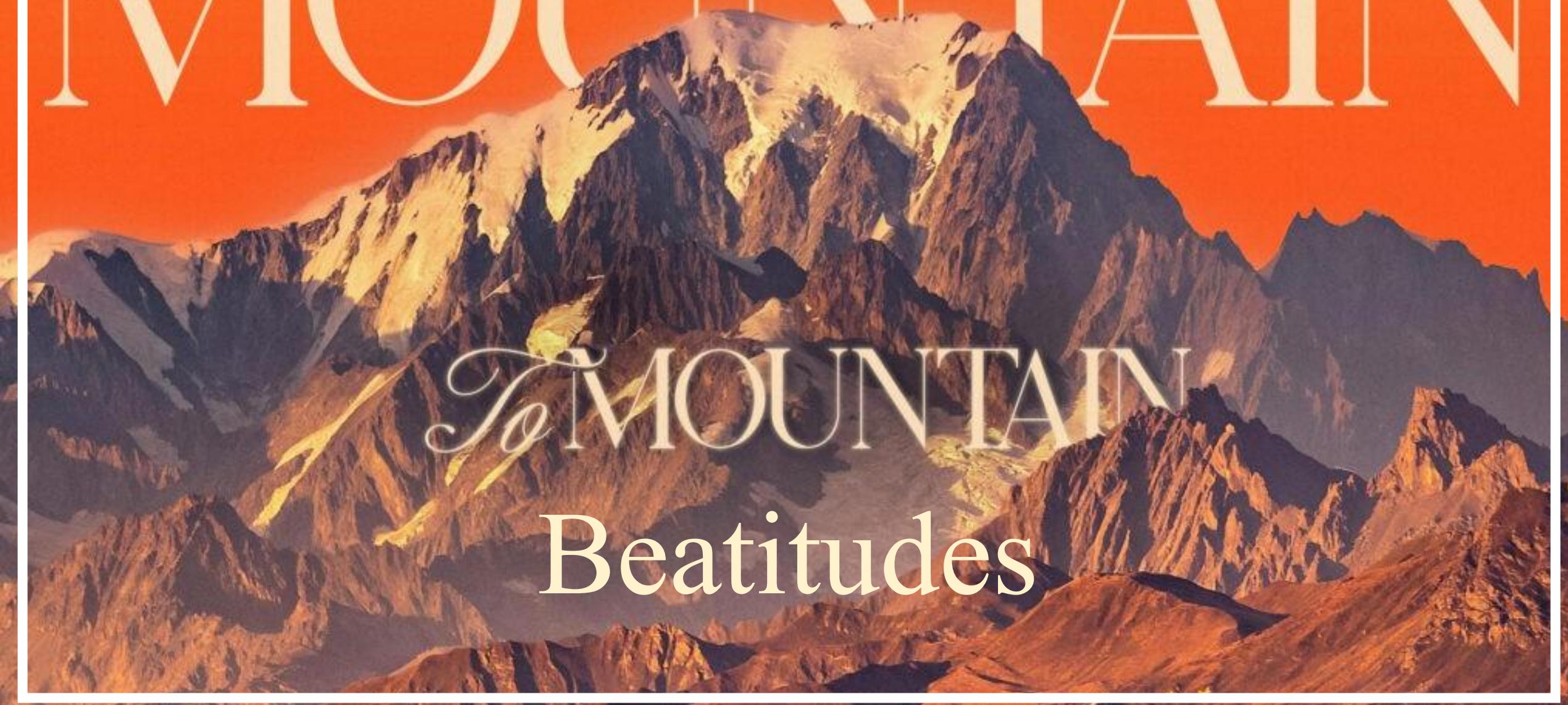


# MOUNTAIN

*To* MOUNTAIN

Beatitudes



## *Matthew 5 (ESV)*

*1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

## *Matthew 5 (ESV)*

*8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

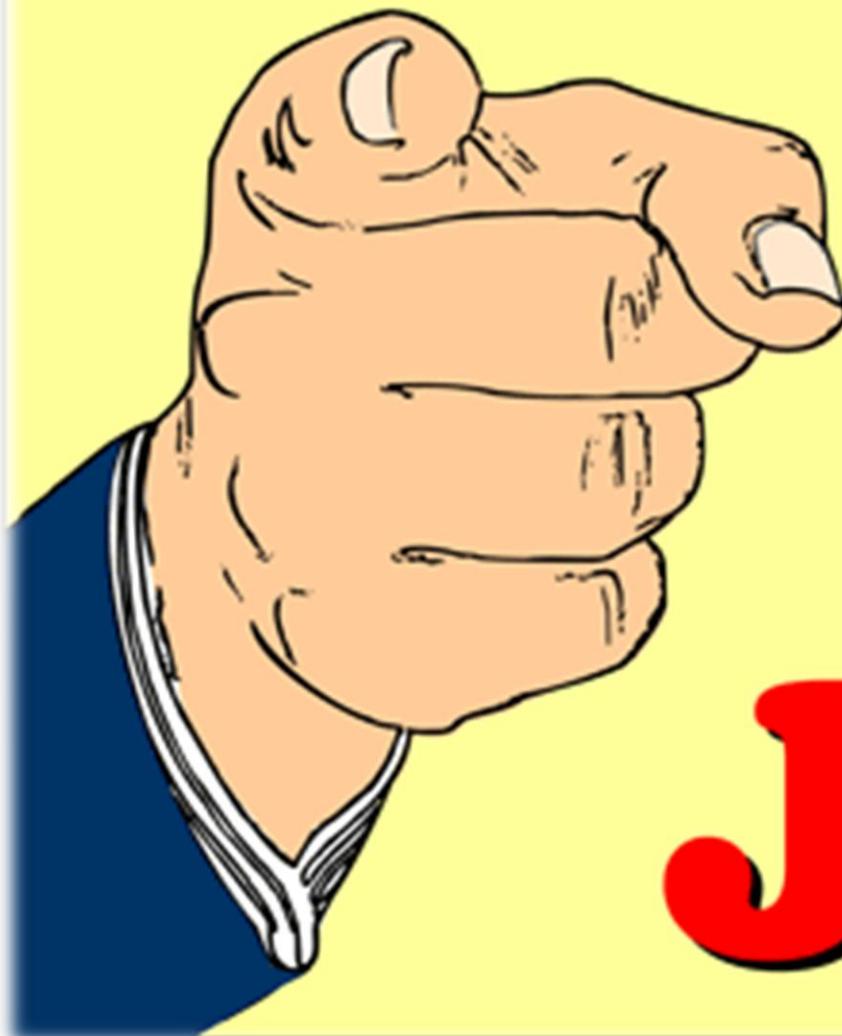
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Jesus did not come to make bad people better or sad people happy. He came to give life to the dead and salvation for sinners.

## Theme

- The Beatitudes describe the progressive journey of a person who realizes their need for Jesus, receives His salvation & is transformed from the inside out.
- This is how Heaven comes to Earth - one surrendered heart at a time.



**YOU  
NEED  
JESUS!**

# You Need Jesus

- We are spiritually bankrupt without Jesus - “Poor in spirit” means we bring no merit to our salvation (Matthew 5:3).
- Brokenness positions us for grace - When we realize we are “busted and broken,” (Jelly-Roll) the kingdom is near.
- Conviction is a kindness from God - Mourning is not sadness over consequences (Prodigal Son) but sorrow over sin (Matthew 5:4).

# You Need Jesus

- The Holy Spirit comforts the repentant - Jesus promised the Comforter to those who turn to Him.

*26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

*(John 14:26 ESV)*

- Meekness is strength under God's control - Like a bridled horse, we surrender the reins of our life to Jesus (Matthew 5:5).



JESUS TRANSFORMS  
YOU FROM THE INSIDE  
& OUT!!

# Jesus Transforms You From the Inside Out

- Righteousness is a relationship, not rule-keeping - We hunger for God, not for moral performance (Matthew 5:6).
- Only Jesus satisfies the soul - Earthly things cannot fill an eternal heart (Augustine; C.S. Lewis).
- Mercy flows from receiving mercy - We give others what God has given us (Matthew 5:7).

# Jesus Transforms You From the Inside Out

- Purity of heart is a gift, not an achievement - God replaces our heart of stone with His own.

*26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

*(Ezekiel 36:26 ESV)*

# Jesus Transforms You From the Inside Out

- A new pure heart leads to new living - The Spirit produces fruit from the inside out.

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.  
(Galatians 5:22–23 ESV)*



Living  
the gospel

# Living the Gospel

- Peacemakers help others find peace with God - We carry the message of reconciliation (Matthew 5:9).
- We become ambassadors of Jesus - God makes His appeal through us.

(2 Corinthians 5:18–20)

# Living the Gospel

*18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*  
*(2 Corinthians 5:18–20 ESV)*

# Living the Gospel

- Sharing our faith is part of our identity - Saved people join the rescue mission.
- Following Jesus will bring resistance - Persecution comes when we live differently (Matthew 5:10–12).
- Heaven sees & rewards faithfulness - Jesus promises joy & reward for those who endure.

## Practical Application

- Begin each morning with “Lord, I need You today.”
- Invite the Holy Spirit to comfort & guide you - Especially in grief, loneliness, or physical weakness.
- Practice mercy in relationships - Offer forgiveness freely, remembering how God forgave you.
- Share your story with someone - A neighbor, caregiver, or family member may need your testimony.
- Someone who needs to know Jesus; ask God to open a door for conversation.

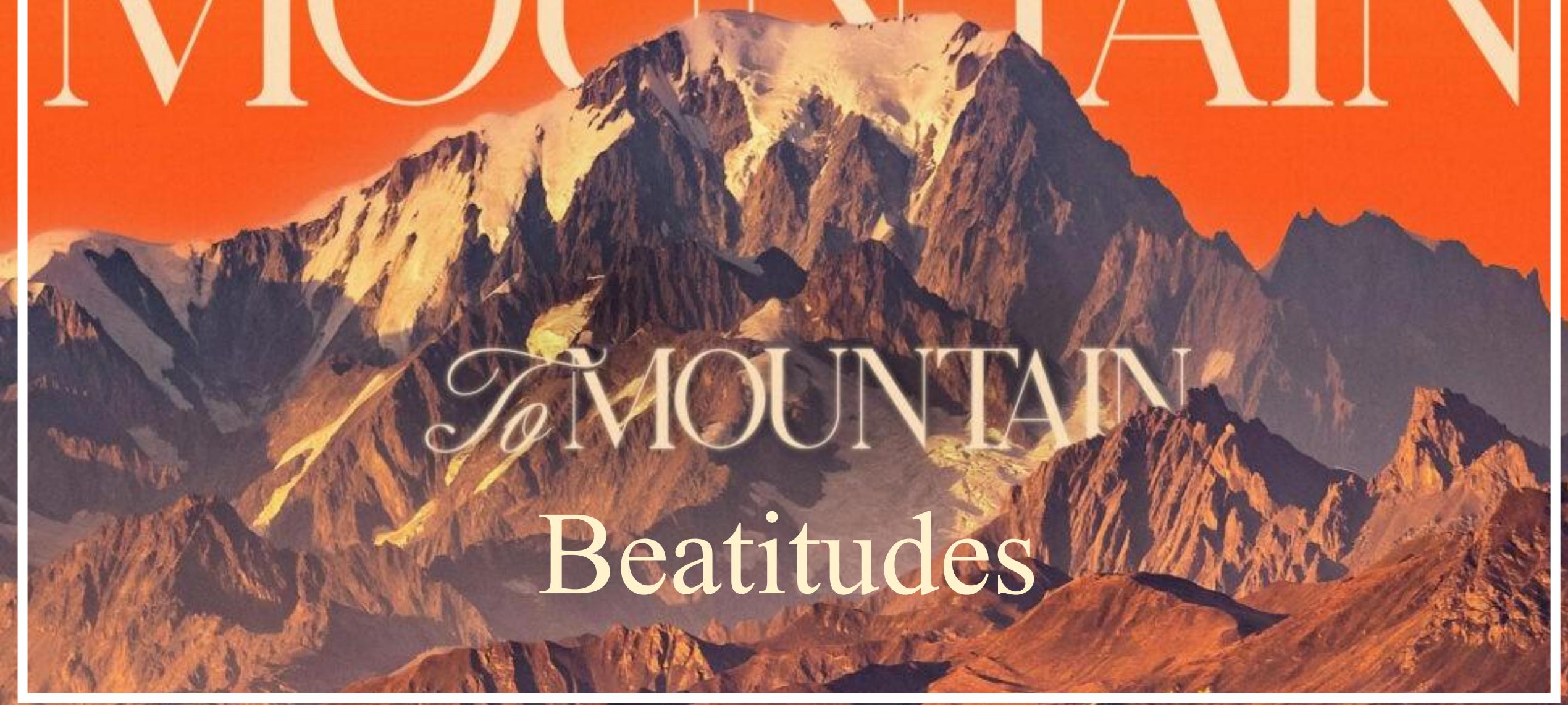
## Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to you personally to be “poor in spirit”?
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit’s comfort in difficult seasons?
- Which Beatitude describes where you are right now in your walk with Jesus?
- How has God shown you mercy, and how can you extend that mercy to others?
- Who is one person in your life you can pray for or encourage toward Jesus?

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# Senior Living Persecutions

- Social exclusion - Being left out of conversations, meals, or activity groups because of openly expressed faith.
- Mocking or belittling comments - Residents or even staff making jokes or dismissive remarks about prayer, Scripture, or church involvement.
- Pressure to stay silent about faith - Being told not to talk about Jesus, not to pray with others, or not to invite neighbors to Bible study.

# Senior Living Persecutions

- Hostility toward Christian values - Criticism for holding biblical views on forgiveness, morality, or end of life beliefs.
- Dismissal of spiritual needs - Staff or administrators treating faith as unimportant or unnecessary for seniors.
- Resistance to Christian gatherings - Pushback against Bible studies, hymn sings, or prayer groups meeting in common spaces.
- Emotional pressure to compromise - Feeling nudged to “go along to get along” rather than stand firm in faith.

## Senior Living Persecutions

- Isolation for sharing the gospel - Residents avoiding or distancing themselves from someone who talks about Jesus.
- Ridicule for moral choices - Being mocked for not participating in gossip, crude humor, or unhealthy behaviors.
- Misunderstanding or stereotyping - Being labeled “intolerant,” “old fashioned,” or “rigid” simply for following Scripture.