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“When Your Birthmark Is a Target”

Matthew 5:10-12 (p858)

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Jesus **affirms** those who accept His invitation.

Jesus **assures** the faithful they will experience difficulties.

Jesus **commands** joy and **promises** reward.

Confession: **Realize** I'm not God. I admit I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable. (5:3; poor in spirit)

Contrition: **Earnestly** believe that God exists. I matter to Him, and He has the power to help me recover. (5:4; mourn)

Control: **Consciously** choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control. (5:5; humble)

Critique: **Openly** examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust. (5:8; pure in heart)

Craving: **Voluntarily** submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects. (5:6; hunger and thirst for righteousness)

Compassion: **Evaluate** all my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who've hurt me, and make amends for harm I've done to others except when to do so would harm them or others. (5:7, merciful; 5:9, peacemakers)

Consistency: Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain power to follow His will. (5:6; hunger and thirst)

Conflict: Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and my words. (5:10, persecuted)

Suffer. Remember. Rejoice.

Color time!



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Conversation Launchers:

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2. Why is persecution something worth celebrating?
3. Who needs to know the truth about Jesus?





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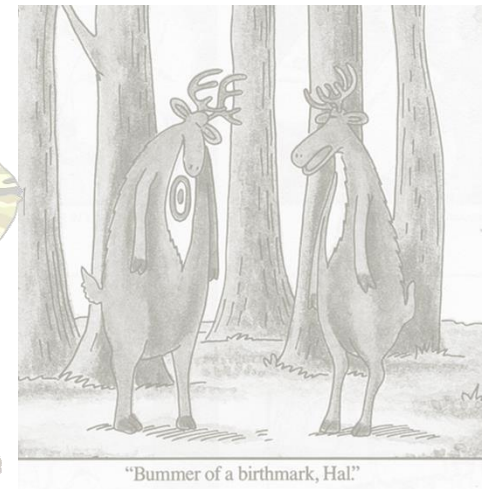
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