

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



Matthew 5:4 - A Question

By Mike Riley

A querist asks, “In our Lord’s sermon on the mount, He made this statement in Matthew 5:4 – KJV):

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.”

My question is, What kind of mourning is He talking about here?”

The Lord is speaking of mourning over one’s sin.

James 4:7-10 is a good commentary on Matthew 5:4:

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

Here are three biblical examples of folks who mourned over their sins: Matthew 26:75 - “And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.”; Luke 18:13-14 - “And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E
Edify, Exhort,
Evangelize
Reasons to Believe
8:30 AM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in
52 Weeks - Matthew
9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Singing Night
7:00 PM



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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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Ways to Encourage Others

By S. Wiebe

- 1. Encouragement goes straight to the heart.** In fact, the word itself comes from a combination of the prefix “en” which means “to put into” and the Latin word “cor” which means heart. Knowing what a big difference encouragement makes in your own life, what can you do to help others “to take heart” when the going gets tough and way feels long?
- 2. Become aware of what encourages you,** and do those same things for others.
- 3. Learn individuals’ “love language”-** the special way in which they feel most valued. In his book, *The Five Languages of Love*, Gary Chapman explains that not everyone’s emotional needs are met in the same way, and that it’s important to learn to speak others’ love language. The five love languages are: words of affirmation, spending quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service and physical touch.
- 4. If an encouraging thought comes to mind, share it!** It may not have the same effect if you wait. Don’t let shyness hold you back. Instead, form a new habit: “Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today...” (Hebrews 3:13).
- 5. When you introduce someone, add a few words of praise** for the person’s abilities, accomplishments, about how you value them. It’s encouraging to be praised in front of others.
- 6. When someone is discouraged or hurting, offer specific, practical help.** If you ask, “How can I help?” the person might be at a loss to answer. It’s better to ask, “Would it help if I...(specific action) or say, “I would like to...(specific action)?”
- 7. Remind fellow Christians of the specific promises of God** and characteristics of God. We need to be reminded in our heart. The Apostle Peter wrote, “I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have” (2 Peter 1:12).
- 8. Write someone a note** to tell them that you’re praying for them. Tell them what you’re praying. You can pray specific Scriptures for individuals such as Romans 15:13, “[I pray that] the God of hope [will] fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
- 9. Make celebration a more regular part of your relationships.** Celebrate others’ victories, large and small, with a note, with coffee together, a phone call or just a high-five!
- 10. Be specific when you offer words of praise;** it makes your encouragement more credible and concrete “You did a great job at...” “I was really impressed that you...”
- 11. Encourage other believers with a reminder of Christ’s coming.** It redirects our thinking to an eternal perspective and ultimate deliverance. “We who are still alive and are left will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words” (1 Thess. 5:17b-18).
- 12. Realize the power of presence.** Just being there is encouraging! When you’re with others, you’re telling them that they’re important. Paul closed his letter to Colosse promising to send Tychius “he may encourage your hearts” (Col. 4:8b).
- 13. Be committed to showing up.** Your simple presence encourages others that they are part of a community of faith and that they are not alone. That’s why Hebrews says, “Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as we see the Day approaching” (Heb. 10:25).
- 14. If someone you know is working on a large project, send her a single flower** to encourage her at the beginning of the project, and a full bouquet when it’s done.
- 15. Use encouragement as an outreach.** If anyone should be known for being an encourager, it should be the Christian. Write a letter of appreciation to people at work, your doctor. Often when we interact with these people, we are asking for their services. Take time just to say thank you!
- 16. If you really want to encourage someone** who gives you excellent service, write a letter of commendation to the person’s boss.
- 17. We could learn something from the way team athletes freely pat, touch and high-five each other in competition.** Touch is a powerful encouragement. Be sure to be sensitive in this area, though. Ask someone if you can hug him/her first. And be careful to be above reproach with persons of the opposite sex.
- 18. When you see someone making positive changes in their lives, affirm them.** “You seem to have a really great attitude about...” “It may be that I’m just starting to take notice, but I see that you’re...” “Do you think that you are becoming more...?”
- 19. Tell people how they’ve encouraged you!**

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- January - Potts
- February - Carlberg
- March - Rowell, T

Announcements

- New book study for Triple E class - Reasons to Believe, Everyone please pick up a book
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January Birthdays & Anniversary’s

- Morgan Dudley - 3rd
- Ethan Wooldridge - 11th
- Ora Barrett - 9th
- Auburn Rowell - 18

Every Sunday Morning
@ 6:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 5:3 - 10
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
 Head of Lord’s Table - Scott Williams
 Assist on Lord’s Table - James Johnson
 Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:20 - 29
 Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper

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