

Series title: AUTHENTIC

Sermon Title: Blessing from Brokenness

Text: Matthew 5:3

JESUS WANTS TO BLESS YOU

Blessed, possessing the favor of God, that state of being marked by fullness from God. It indicates the state of the believer in Christ, . . . To be *makarios*, blessed, is equivalent to having God's kingdom within one's heart. **Spiros Zodhiates**

YOU MUST BE BROKEN BEFORE HE WILL BLESS YOU

“Brokenness is not a feeling. It is not an emotion. It is a choice that I make. It is an act of my will. And brokenness is not primarily a one-time experience or a crisis experience in my life, though there may be those. Brokenness is rather a continuous, ongoing lifestyle. It's a lifestyle of agreeing with God about the true condition of my heart and my life as He alone can see it. It's a lifestyle of unconditional, absolute surrender of my will to God.” (Nancy Leigh DeMoss Wolgemuth)

- YOU MUST BE CONVINCED OF YOUR SPIRITUAL POVERTY

(Prov. 16:5, Isa. 57:15, James 4:10)

- YOU MUST BE CONVICTED OF YOUR SPIRITUAL POVERTY.

“A conscious confession of unworthiness before God.”

What is the difference between being convinced and being convicted?

When you are convinced, your head (mind) has been influenced. When you are convicted, your heart has been impacted!