

## Seeing the Opportunity in Need

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<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. **Matthew 5:3-12, NIV**

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **1 John 1:8, NIV**

I must be \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ begins with a \_\_\_\_\_ check.

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. **Matthew 8:5, NIV**

\_\_\_\_\_ is filled with \_\_\_\_\_...

- ✓ Hurts created by \_\_\_\_\_ that I do have.
- ✓ Habits created by \_\_\_\_\_ I don't have.
- ✓ Hang-ups created by \_\_\_\_\_ that happen.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **Ephesians 4:15, NIV**

The Key Reality: Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am \_\_\_\_\_.

Behind the reality of my \_\_\_\_\_ lies great \_\_\_\_\_...

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10, NIV**

✓ Healing of \_\_\_\_\_

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19, NIV**

✓ A S \_\_\_\_\_ for the PROBLEM of sin

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. **1 John 1:9-10, NIV**

Last week: \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus and his promises.

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. **Isaiah 58:11, NIV**

This week: \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity behind my need.

\_\_\_\_\_: I'm not easily damaged when hit, stretched, or squeezed. I will bounce back to my God-designed shape.

### MEMORY VERSE

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:3, NIV**

**Resilience begins with a reality check.** Expose your sin. Expose your needs. And in so doing, expose the opportunity behind your need—the opportunity to find your Savior, Jesus.

What's your next step today? Mark it on your Communication Card.