

**"BROKENNESS"  
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**MY NOTES . . . . .**

**Matthew 5:3**

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

**William Barclay**

". . . that joy which is serene and untouchable, and self-contained, that joy which is completely independent of all the chances and changes in and of life . . . The beatitudes speak of that joy which seeks us through our pain, that joy which sorrow and loss, and pain and grief, are powerless to touch, that joy which shines through tears, and which nothing in life for death can take away . . ."

**Genesis 37:32-35**

They took the ornamented robe back to their father and said, "We found this. Examine it to see whether it is your son's robe." He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! Some ferocious animal has devoured him. Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and mourned for his son many days. All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "in my mourning will I go down to the grave to my son." So his father wept bitterly for him.

**Psalms 51:1-12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions . . . Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge . . . Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Questions to consider:**

Have I come to a place in my life, where I have repented of my sins, and come to Christ for salvation?

Do I have any sins that I have been trying to hide from God or others? Will being open and honest about these sins be costly to me? What do I need to do in order to come clean, like David?

How would I describe my attitude toward people in my life who don't yet know Christ? Have I ever mourned over their sins? Am I driven to pray for them and help them see all that Jesus has done for them? Have I ever mourned over the sinful condition of the world – where so many reject what Christ has done for them? How will developing this attitude toward the world change my life?