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Matthew 5:4 - October 6, 2019 - Pastor Jim Ammerman

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- God comforts us **as we go** do His work (2 Thes. 2:16-17)
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2. What does it mean to mourn?

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- We mourn the brokenness of our world (Gen.6:5, Mt. 23:37)
- We mourn the consequences of sin (Dt. 5:9, John 11)
- We mourn the reality of our sin & brokenness (Rom. 7)

3. Be a mourning comforter!

- Be willing to mourn your own sin (Mt. 18:23-35).
- Be humble, and bless, don't curse: Mourn with those who mourn and overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:1-3, 15, 21).

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