PROPOSITION: The dedicated follower of Jesus receives God’s powerful favor at times that often seem like a loss, failure, sacrifice or attack – have confidence those will come!

I. What are the Beatitudes? Matthew 5:3-10

A. Blessed means fortunate, having God’s favor
B. The blessing is from God
C. These situations don’t seem fortunate or having God’s favor
D. Jesus calls us to a different perspective Matt 5:11-16

II. How can these be blessings?

A. Broken in spirit “poor in spirit”, v 3
B. Heart break/sorrow “those who mourn”, v 4
C. Stepped on, spat upon “meek”, v 5
D. Frustrated with unrighteousness “hunger & thirst for righteousness”, v 6
E. Taken advantage of “merciful”, v 7
F. No excuses, cut corners or rationalization “pure in heart”, v 8
G. Shot at by both sides “peacemakers”, v 9
H. Mistreated “persecuted” & false accusations, v 10

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