



*The Good Life*  
ACCORDING TO THE BEATITUDES



# *Human Flourishing*

“Living within an optimal range of human functioning, one that connotes goodness, generativity, growth, and resilience”

Barbara Fredrickson and Marcial Losada

I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE AND  
HAVE IT TO THE FULL.

JOHN 10:10

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## *Our Vision*

We envision a thriving town shaped by 1000s of people experiencing the transforming love of God.

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MATTHEW 5:3-12

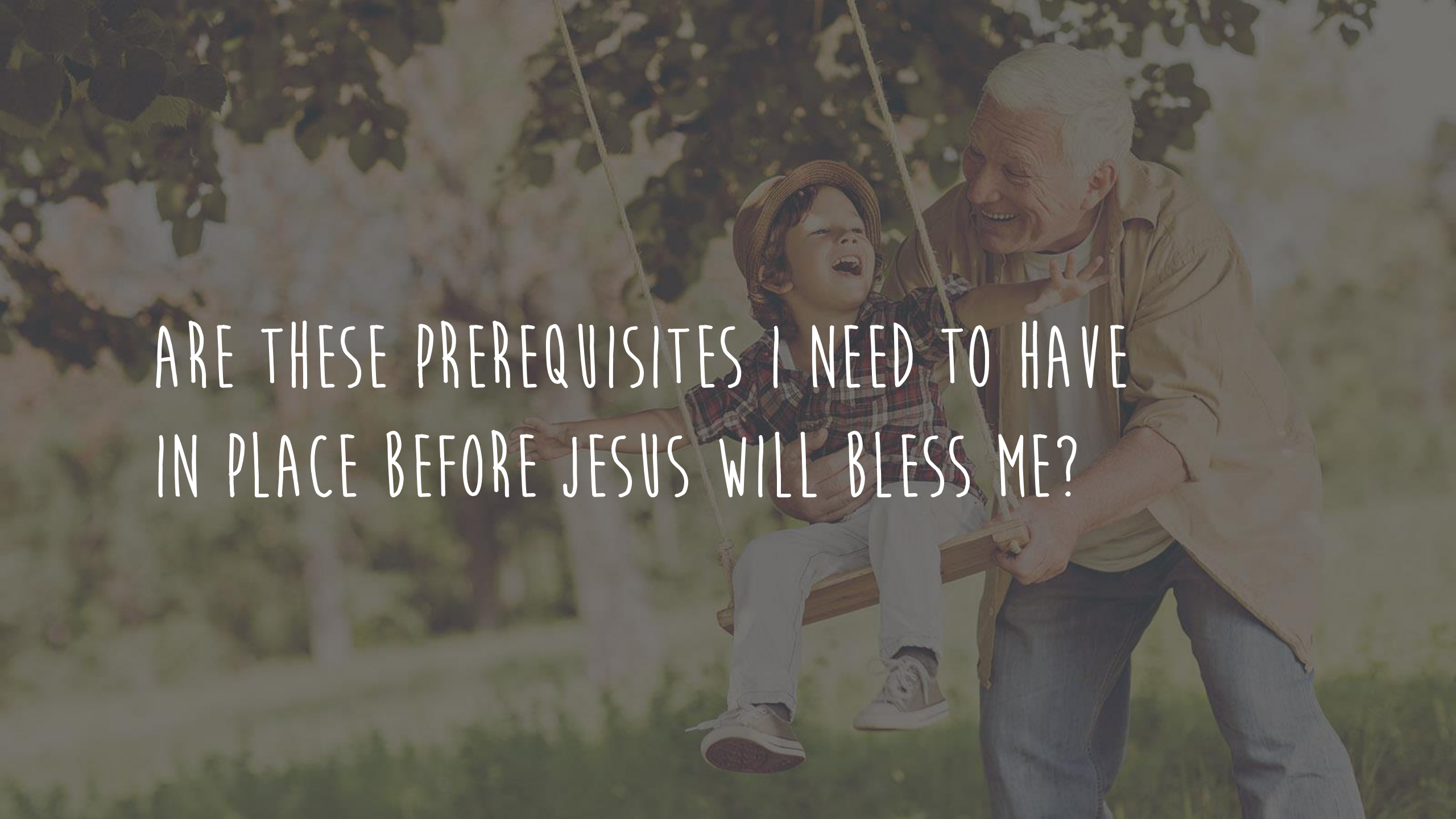


WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN BY "BLESSED"?



CAN I PICK AND CHOOSE OR IS THIS A  
PACKAGE DEAL?





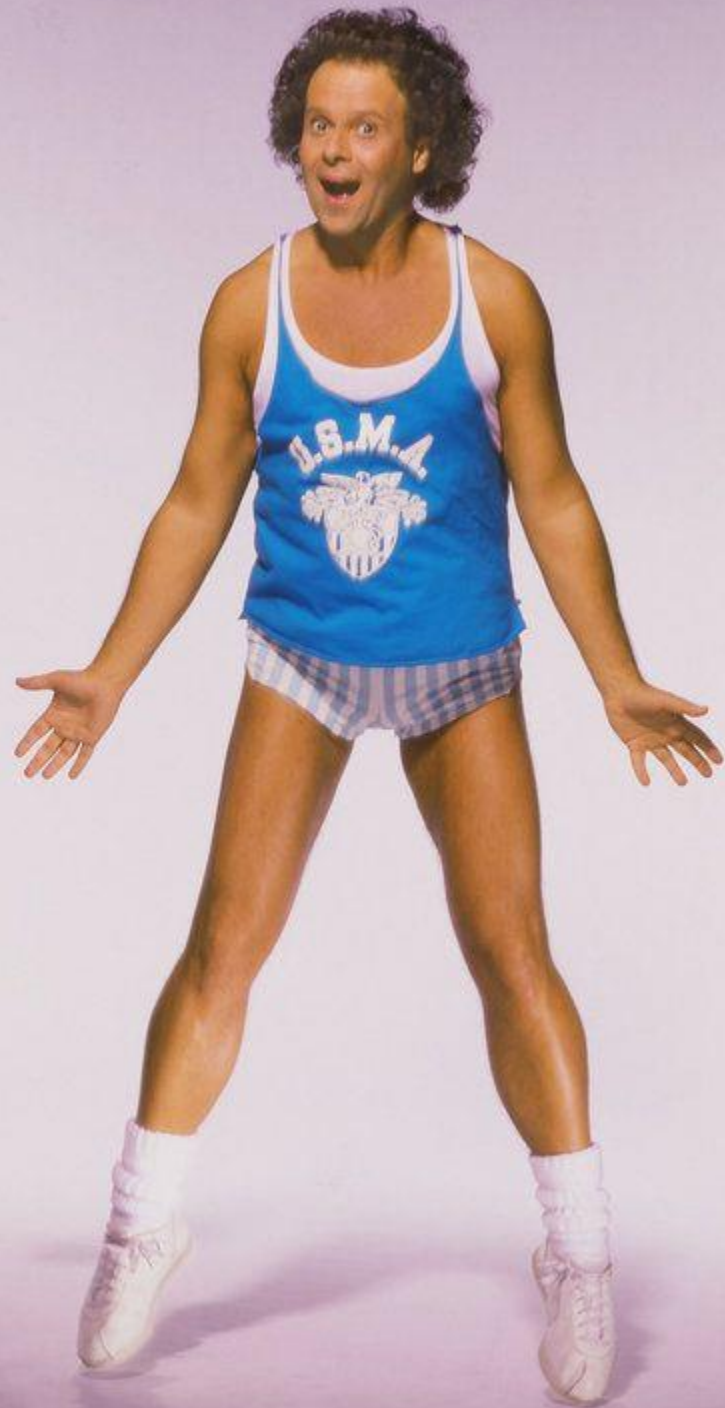
ARE THESE PREREQUISITES I NEED TO HAVE  
IN PLACE BEFORE JESUS WILL BLESS ME?

The qualities that Jesus blesses are not natural human qualities.... None of us can produce these. Jesus did not come into Galilee looking for “Beatitude people” He could then call into His kingdom. No, Jesus first called ordinary, broken people to Himself and into His Kingdom. As a result of contact with Him, as a result of submission to His rule, the qualities he blesses began to appear in their lives....Poverty in spirit, mourning, gentleness, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, mercy, purity in heart, peacemaking, and being persecuted are all the result of the gospel breaking through to us. They are consequences of turning around and embracing the reign of Jesus Christ.

Darrell Johnson



HOW DO ALL OF THESE FIT TOGETHER TO  
MAKE A PICTURE OF THE GOOD LIFE?



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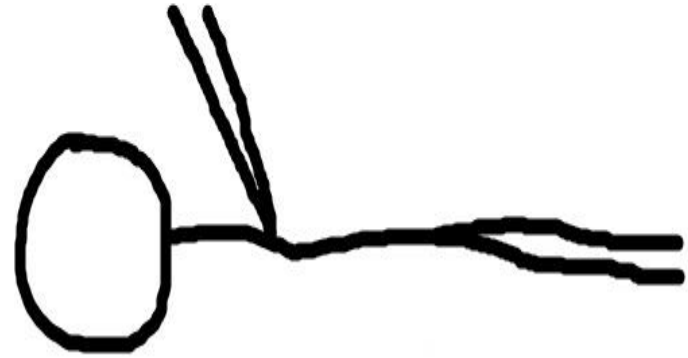


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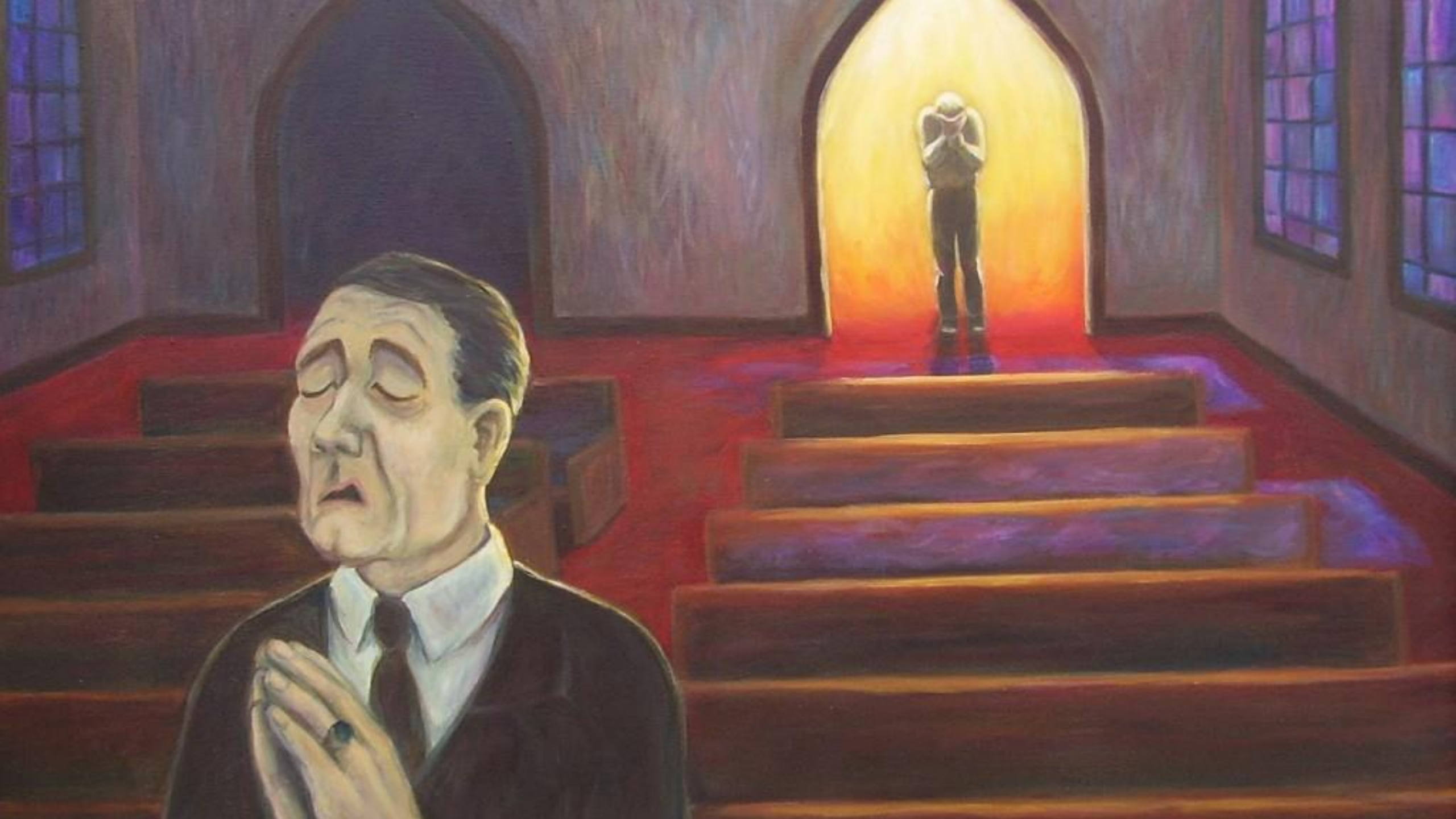
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GOD PICKS UP THOSE WHO ARE DOWN AND SENDS THEM OUT INTO THE WORLD TO PICK OTHERS UP KNOWING THIS WILL LEAD THESE VERY HELPERS, MYSTERIOUSLY, TO BE THROWN BACK DOWN IN PERSECUTION AND, SO, INTO NEED; FROM WHENCE THEY WILL RISE AGAIN FROM THEIR KNEES TO THEIR FEET, WHERE THEY WILL BE KNOCKED DOWN AND SO ON FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES--THE AEROBICS OF DISCIPLESHIP.

Dale Bruner

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS  
THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.



WE ADMITTED WE WERE POWERLESS OVER ALCOHOL —  
THAT OUR LIVES HAD BECOME UNMANAGEABLE.



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