

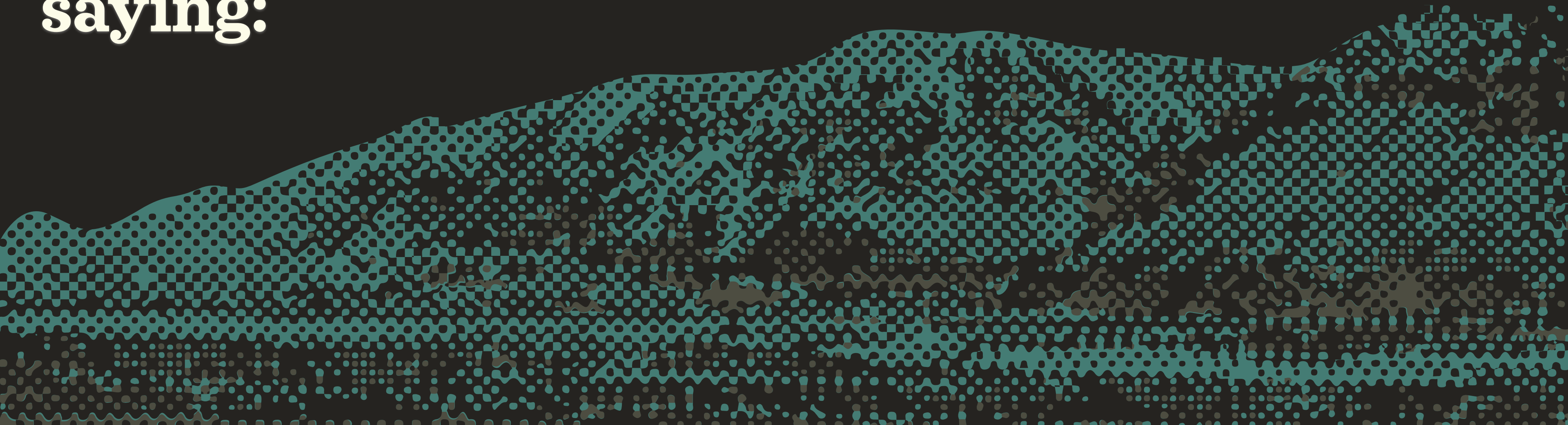
BLESSED

THE BLESSINGS OF A FISHER OF MEN

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

² And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:



When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed & helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. - Matthew 9:36

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When He went ashore He saw a great crowd and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. - Matthew 14:14

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Then Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd...”. - Matthew 15:32

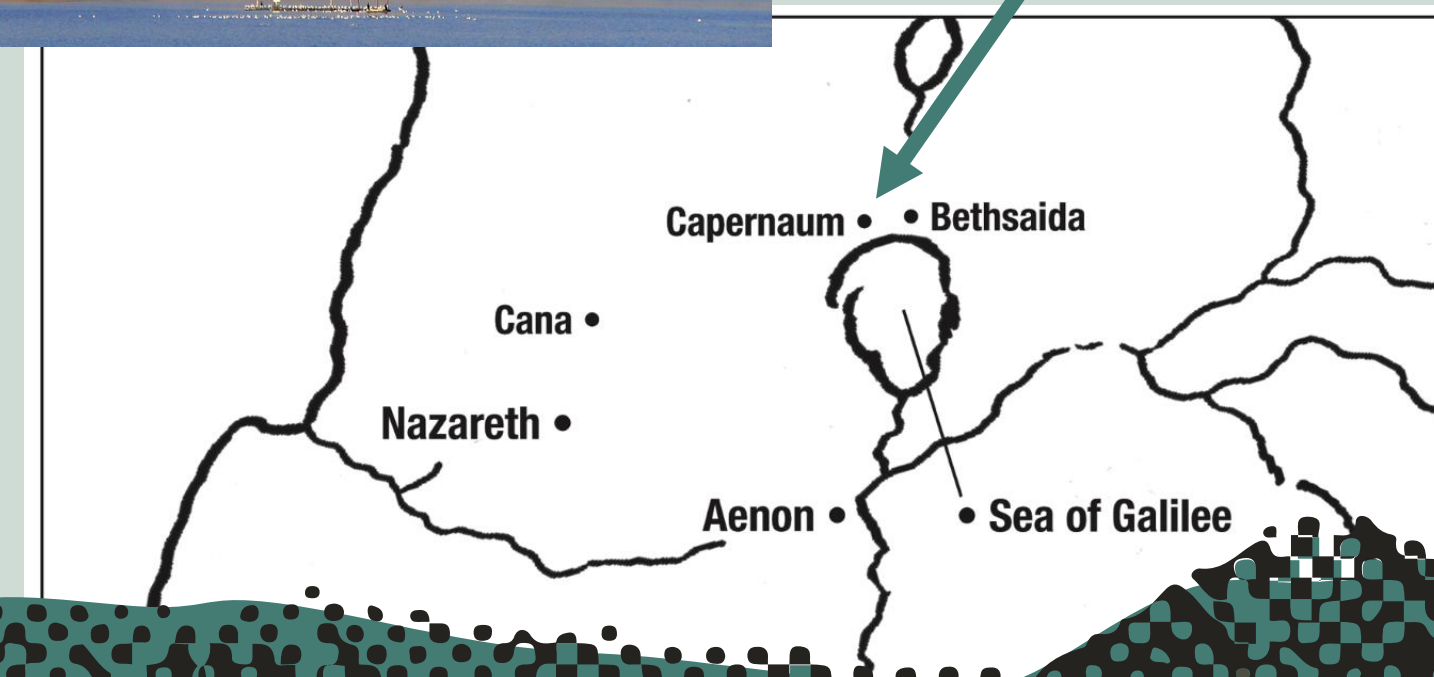
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“Go therefore & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

-Matthew 28:19,20



**Mount of
Beatitudes**



“Blessed” - Makarios (μακάριοι) - *Joyful or Fortunate*
NOT a Fleeting Happiness or Situational Circumstance,
but a deep & abiding Joy in Christ

***“Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so, do not despise
the discipline of the Almighty.” - Job 5:17***

- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

11 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Poor In Spirit – Is The Kingdom Our Sin Should “Break Us!”

For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

– Ephesians 2:8-9

Mourn – Comforted Our Sin Should “Greive Us!”

Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

- 2 Corinthians 1:4

Meek – Inherit the Earth Our Sin Should “Humble Us!”

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect. – 1 Peter 3:15

Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness – Be Satisfied

Our Sin Should “Starve Us!”

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. - Matthew 6:33

Merciful – Receive Mercy
Other's Sin Should NOT "Break Us!"

“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.” – Matthew 7:1-2

Pure In Heart – See God
Other's Sin Should NOT "Defile Us!"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
– Psalm 51:10

Peacemakers – Sons of God
Other's Sin Should NOT "Provoke Us!"

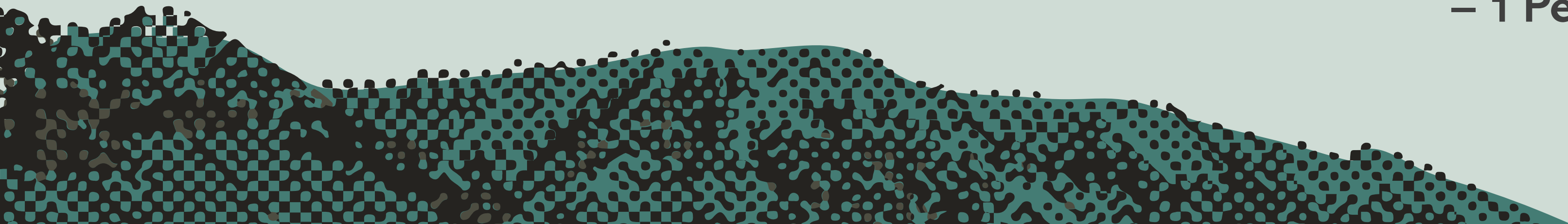
If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. – Romans 12:18

Persecuted For Righteousness' Sake
– Is the Kingdom

Other's Sin Should NOT "Discourage Us!"

For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

– 1 Peter 2:20



“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account.”
- “*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...*”

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake. – Philippians 1:29

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ 's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. – 1 Peter 4:13

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But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. – Philippians 3:7-11