

The Good Life

ACCORDING TO THE BEATITUDES



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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

Our Purpose

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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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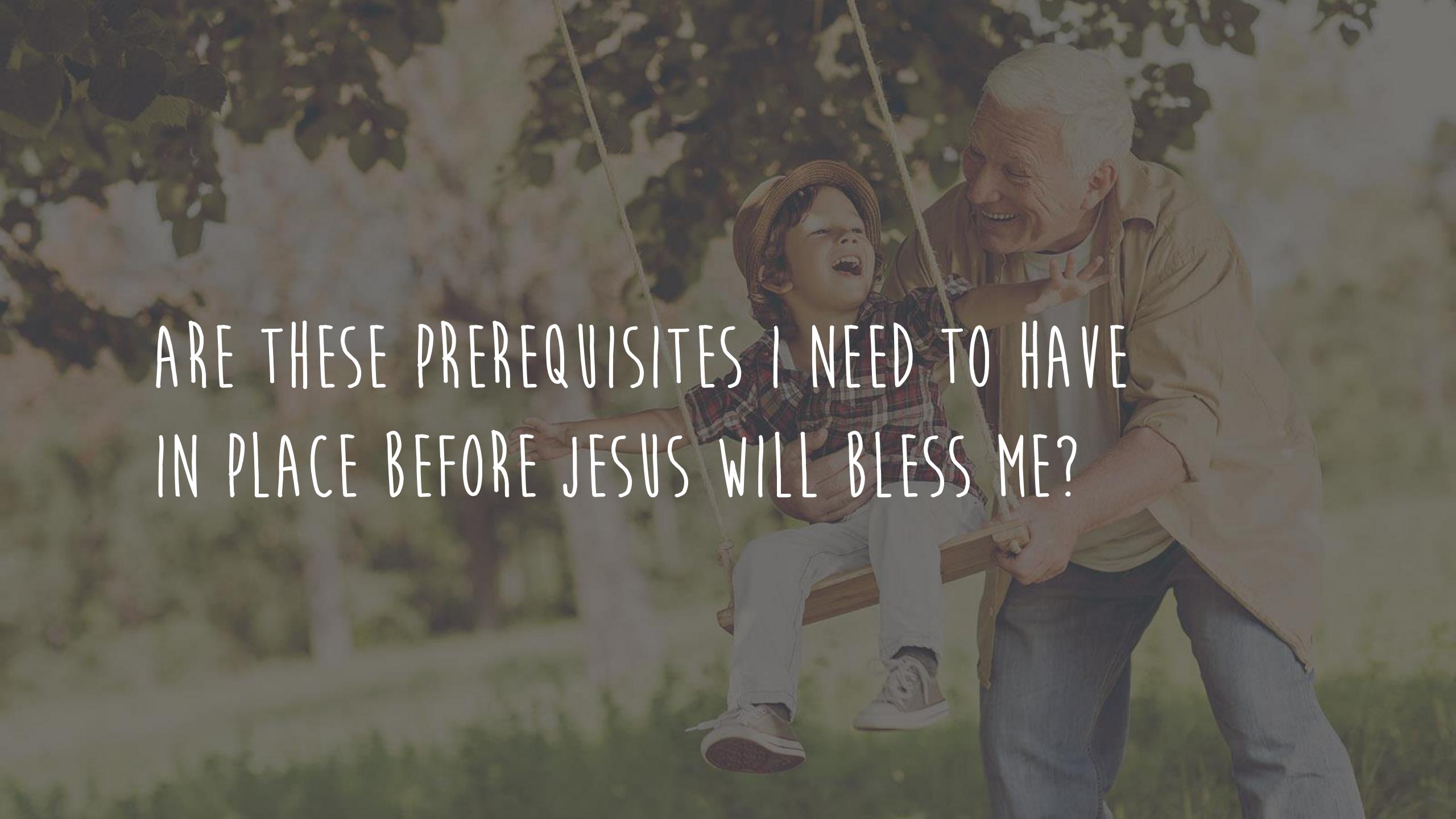
MATTHEW 5:3-12

A color photograph of a grandfather and his grandson in a park. The grandfather, an older man with white hair, is pushing the swing. He is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. The grandson, a young boy with brown hair, is sitting on the swing, laughing joyfully. He is wearing a straw hat and a red and black plaid shirt. The swing is made of wood and is suspended from a tree branch. The background shows green trees and bushes, suggesting a sunny day in a park.

WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN BY "BLESSED"?

A grandfather with white hair and a light beard is pushing his young grandson on a swing. The grandson, wearing a straw hat and a plaid shirt, is laughing joyfully. They are in a park with trees and flowers in the background.

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

A grandfather with white hair and a beard is pushing his young grandson on a swing. The grandson is laughing joyfully, wearing a straw hat and a plaid shirt. The background shows a lush green park with trees and bushes.

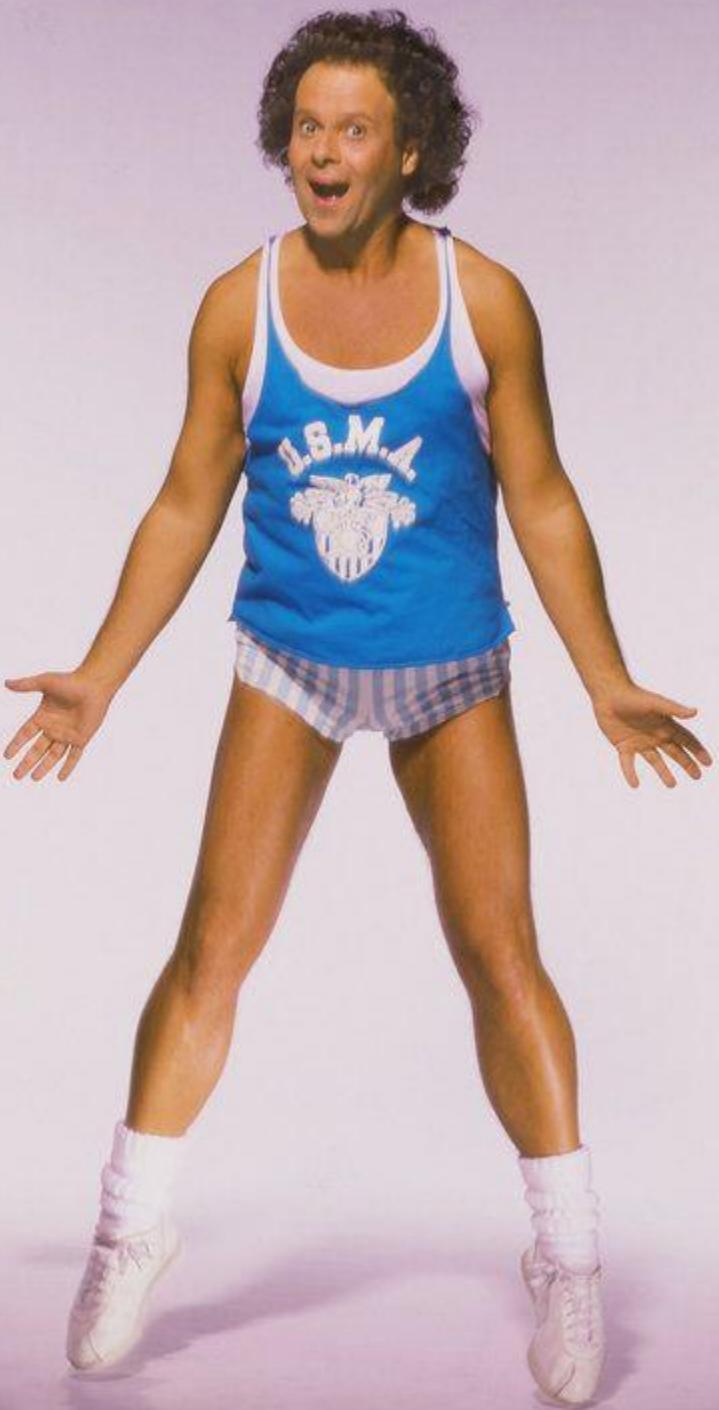
ARE THESE PREREQUISITES I NEED TO HAVE
IN PLACE BEFORE JESUS WILL BLESS ME?

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

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

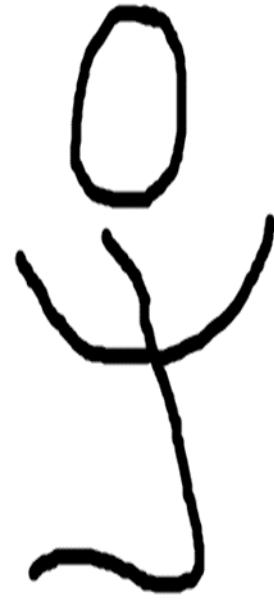


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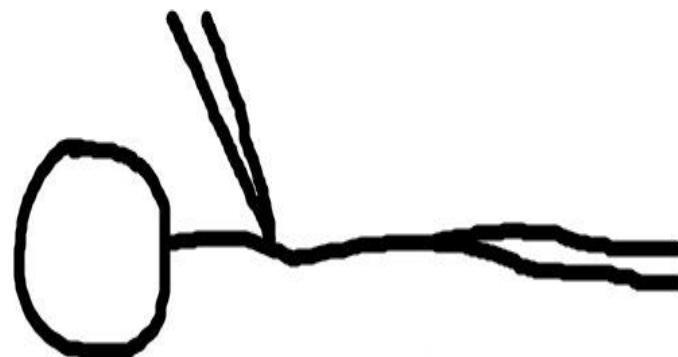


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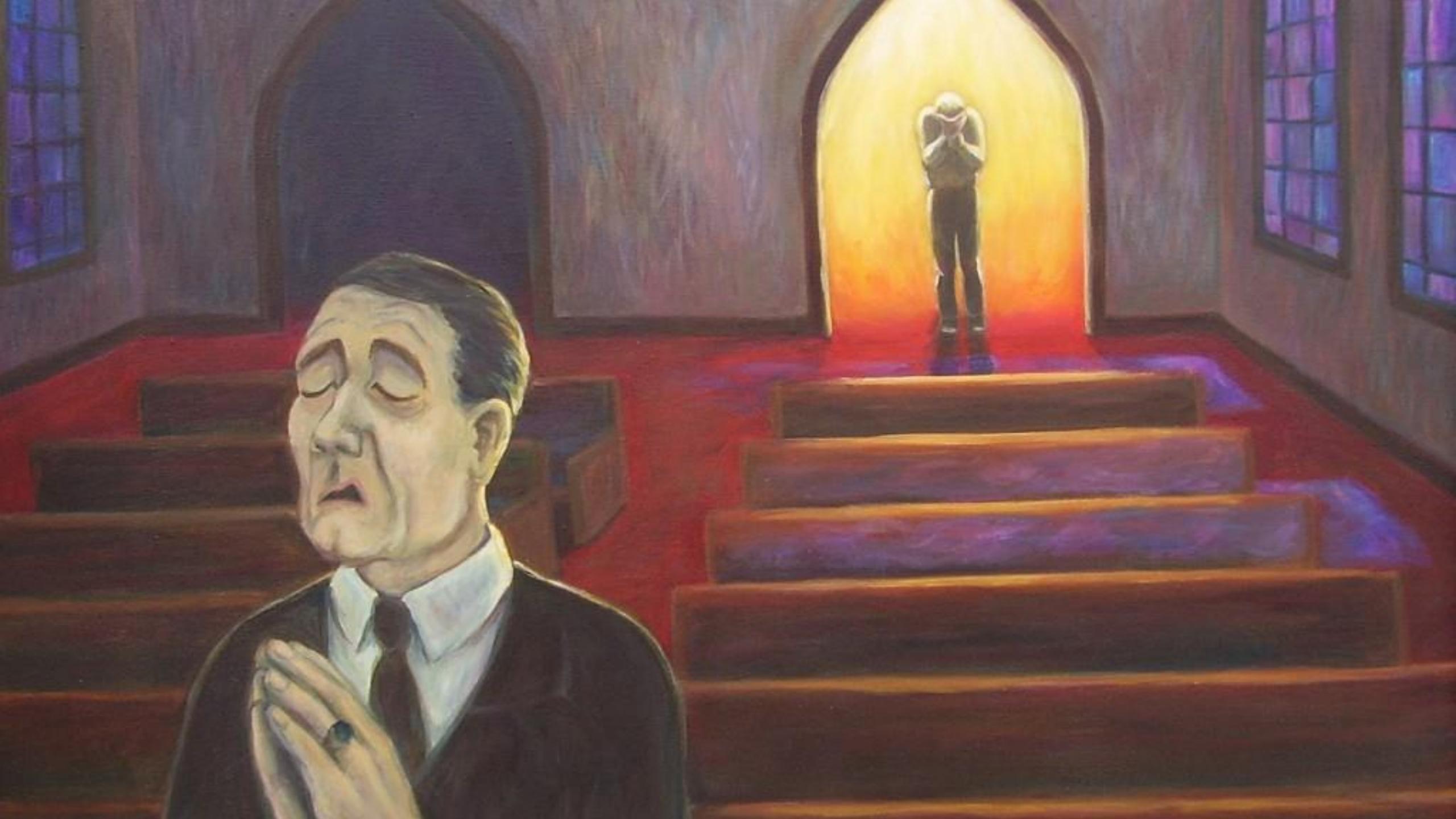
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GOD PICKS UP THOSE WHO ARE DOWN AND SENDS THEM OUT INTO THE WORLD TO PICK OTHERS UP KNOWING THIS WILL LEAD THESE VERY HELPERS, MYSTERIOUSLY, TO BE THROWN BACK DOWN IN PERSECUTION AND, SO, INTO NEED; FROM WHENCE THEY WILL RISE AGAIN FROM THEIR KNEES 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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