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# The Good Life

Matt. 5:1-2, 5-6



First United Methodist Church

May 15, 2022  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9:00 Worship Service  
Arkadelphia, AR

## Sermon Outline

# Welcome!

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## *Order of Service*

Opening Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Prayer of Confession & Invitation.....*Congregation*

Announcements.....*Pastor Randy*

Children's Moments for Little Methodists

Offering

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer.....*Congregation*

Songs of Praise.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Apostles' Creed.....*Congregation*

Reading God's Word Out Loud..... *Matthew 5:1-2, 5-6*

Sermon.....*Pastor Randy*

*The Good Life*

Closing Song.....*Newsong Praise Band*

Benediction/Blessing.....*Pastor Randy*

### I. The Beatitudes portion of the Sermon on the Mount (5:1-2)

- A. Inner versus outer
- B. Talmidim versus learners only
- C. Beatitude
- D. *Makarios* – “blessed are” Mt. 5:3

### II. “O the blessedness” (beatitudes) grows!

- A. Mt 5:5a Blessed are the meek
- B. *MEEK*: Greek praus
  - 1. See Ps 37:11a “But the meek will inherit the land”
  - 2. Mt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- C. Mt 5:5b for they will inherit the earth.
  - 1. Earth: Greek *ge*=
  - 2. Earth: Hebrew in Psalm 37 “*eretz*” means “Land” (and not “earth”)
- D. Mt 5:6a Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
- E. Mt 5:6b for they will be filled [i.e. they will receive it in full].
  - 1. Satisfaction is found in responding to his invitation to be in relationship with him.
  - 2. Romans 3:21.

### III. Who am I and where am I headed?

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