



# **DISTURBED**

**Resolutions** for my relationships

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## **Luke 6:20-26 (ESV)**

<sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

<sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

“Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

1. Poverty
2. Hunger
3. Weeping
4. Being hated

We are presently in our “advent” season

“This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11

To make us his people and to be our God

“It will be spatially, temporally different, of course. It is difficult for us to conceive an existence that is timeless, where you look at absolute beauty and goodness and you have no words. It is enough just to be there. You know how it is when you are sitting with someone you love and hours can go by in what seem like moments? Well, in [the Kingdom of God], eternity itself will pass in a flash. In [the Kingdom] we will never tire. We will never be bored because there will always be such new sides of God that will be revealed to us.”

—Bishop Desmond Tutu

“I resolve to be poorer this year.”  
“I resolve to be hungrier this year.”  
“I resolve to weep more this year.”  
“I resolve to be hated more this year.”

## **Poverty**

“<sup>17</sup> For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.” Revelation 3:17–18

## **Hunger**

“<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.” Isaiah 61:10

## **Weeping**

Kingdom reasons to weep

1. The longing for the kingdom
2. Those who are presently lost
3. Those who themselves are weeping

## **Being Hated**

“on account of the Son of Man.” Luke 6:22

**“This year, I resolve to be more generous.”**

**“This year, I resolve to eat better.”**

**“This year, I resolve to enter into the pain of others more.”**

**“This year, I resolve to keep reflecting the character of Christ, no matter how people respond.”**