A Better Life: Wonderful News for the Poor in Spirit

Matthew 5:3 (Wright's Translation): Wonderful news for the poor in spirit! The kingdom of heaven is yours.

God can do infinitely great things when my heart says to God: "All I am is Yours!"

1. God celebrates those who are <u>aware</u> of their <u>deep need</u> for Him. (Matthew 5:3)

God is inviting us to form our identity in Him.

- 2. The path to <u>God's</u> blessing always leads <u>away</u> from myself and <u>toward</u> God. (Luke 8:9-14 NLT)
- Be aware of my spiritual pride. (Luke 18:11-12 NLT)
- Reject the idea that I have to clean up before I can show up before God. (Luke 18:13 NLT)
- Let God replace my brokenness with His goodness. (Luke 18:14 NLT)