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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Matthew 5:1-12

Our world is infatuated with winners. We are drawn to the "brightest and best." We want to be included in the popular crowd.

I've seen this played out on the local little league ball fields. Kids of all ages and sizes gather to play baseball. While many are there to play, others are encouraged to excel with more practices, more coaching, better equipment. Precision focus is aimed at being the best. Sometimes the love of the game is misplaced in the race to be the best.

Jesus' famous sermon isn't a list of winners, movers, and shakers. Rather, Jesus speaks to the "poor in spirit, mourners, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, peacemakers, and the persecuted." What if our relationship with Christ wasn't about being the best but about being the most pliable in God's hands? Perhaps we need to embrace the kingdom of God and who we are called to be, rather than striving to be "successful"?

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