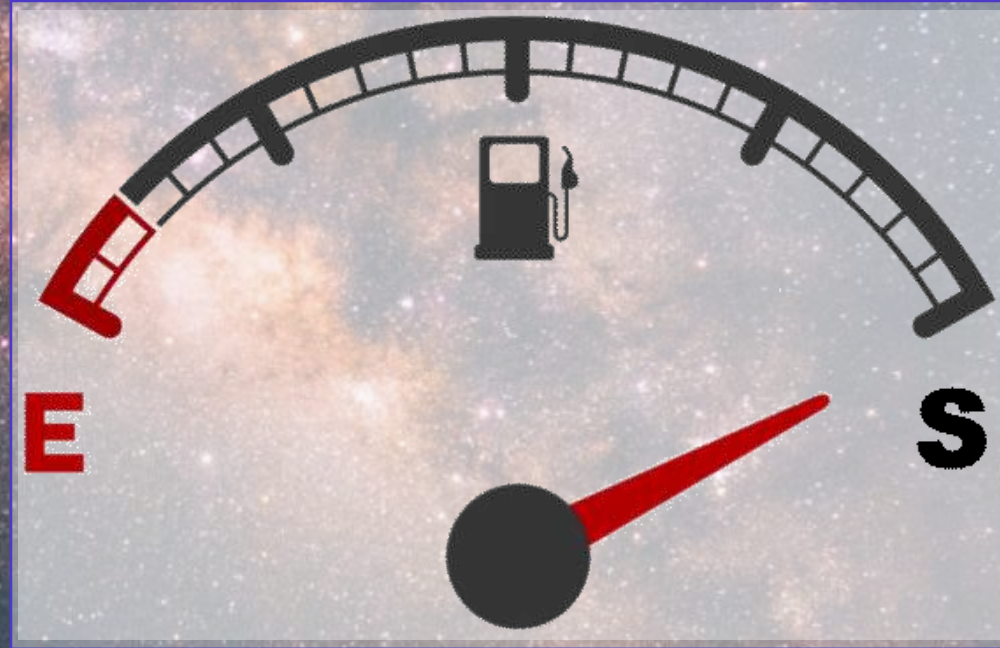
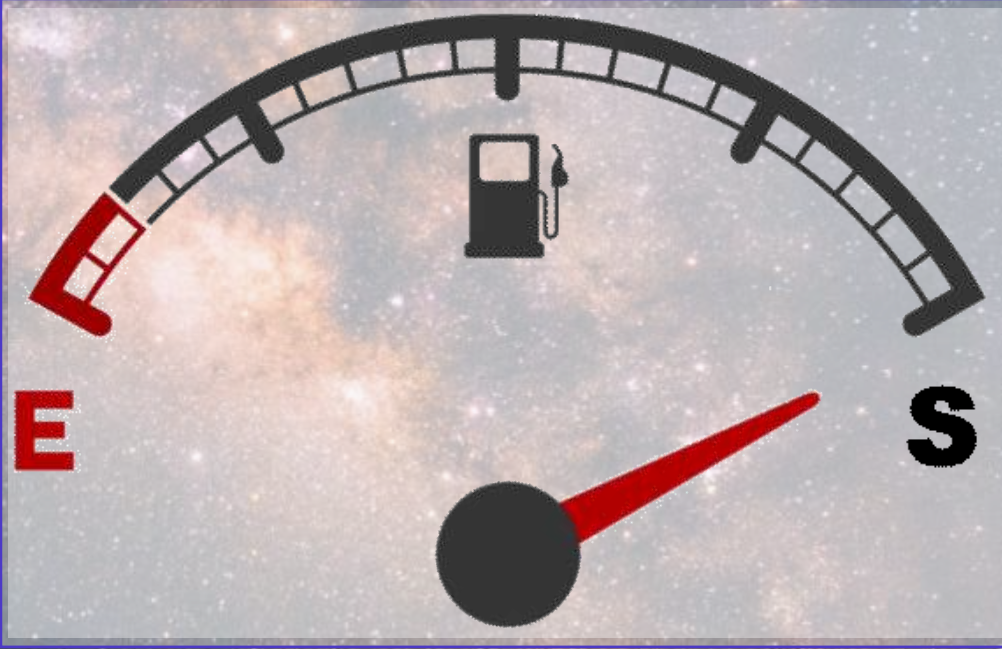


SATISFACTION



Finding the satisfaction in life that Jesus promised

THE GLADNESS OF SADNESS

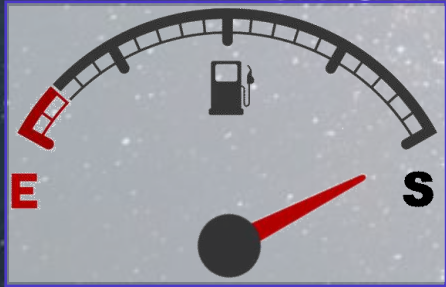


A person is sitting on a large, dark rock in the foreground, looking up at a vast night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The sky is a deep blue and purple, with the galaxy's light appearing as a bright, hazy band of stars. The person is silhouetted against the bright stars, creating a contemplative and serene atmosphere.

Matthew 5:4

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

THE FIRST STEP OF A BLESSED LIFE IS THE RECOGNITION THAT WE ARE POOR IN SPIRIT, THAT WE HAVE A DEEP NEED IN OUR LIVES, A NEED CAUSED BY OUR SIN.



THE SECOND STEP IS TO MOURN OVER OUR SIN.



MOURNING CAUSED BY PERSONAL LOSS

2 Samuel 18:33

The king was overcome with emotion. He went up to the room over the gateway and burst into tears. And as he went, he cried, "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you! O Absalom, my son, my son."

MOURNING CAUSED BY PERSONAL LOSS

Isaiah 61:1

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

MOURNING CAUSED BY PERSONAL LOSS

Psalms 30:5

Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.



MOURNING CAUSED BY PERSONAL LOSS

Psalms 30:11

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,



MOURNING CAUSED BY SIN, SORROW SUFFERING

Jeremiah 6:15

Are they ashamed of their disgusting actions? Not at all—they don't even know how to blush! Therefore, they will lie among the slaughtered. They will be brought down when I punish them," says the LORD.

MOURNING CAUSED BY SIN, SORROW SUFFERING

Luke 19:41-44

But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. ⁴² "How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. ⁴⁴ They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you."

MOURNING CAUSED BY SIN, SORROW SUFFERING

Matthew 9:36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



MOURNING CAUSED BY SIN, SORROW SUFFERING

Psalms 126:5-6

Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy. ⁶ They weep as they go to plant their seed, but they sing as they return with the harvest.

MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

Romans 7:24,25

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

Romans 8:1

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.



MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

Genesis 6:6

So the LORD was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.



MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

Ephesians 4:30

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

Ephesians 4:31-32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

Psalms 32:1-2

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! 2 Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

MOURNING CAUSED BY OUR OWN SIN

2 Corinthians 7:10

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

