Grace

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Rather than casting stones, we can overcome difficulties and offer forgiveness by God's amazing grace. Give brief accounts of those featured on the visual. These include:

Ben Freeth

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ben_Freeth http://www.amazon.co.uk/Mugabe-White-African-Ben-Freeth/dp/0745955460

Martin Luther King Jr

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin Luther King, Jr

Bishop Desmond Tutu http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Desmond_Tutu

Corrie Ten Boom

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corrie_ten_Boom http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cfp51vLZb4

Leader and responses:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,

for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,

for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,

for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5 38-48

38 'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." [h] 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

43 'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour[i] and hate your enemy." 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Mathew 6 v 9-15

9 'This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,[a] but deliver us from the evil one.[b]"

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.