



**Sermon Title:** At the End of Our Rope - Pastor Randy Hood

**Scripture Reference:** Matthew 5:3

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**Connection:**

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What are you thankful for this week?

**Reflection:**

- Summarize the sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people, or the world?
- What did that message mean for our church?

**Application**

- What does it mean to be "poor in spirit?" Or "at the end of your rope?"
- In this passage the English word "blessed" comes from a Greek word also translated as "joy." What does it mean to live the Christian life with joy?
- William Barclay's commentary says this poorness of spirit comes from folks realizing their own utter lack of resources to meet life and finding strength and help in God. Why do think we must come to this realization? How does such realization deepen our faith in God?
- When have you felt spiritually powerless in the past? How has faith in God sustained you?
- As you hear Pastor Randy share about his house story, what are ways God has provided for you or folks you know in the past? What did you or they learn in such situations?

- End by praying together for a deeper trust in Jesus, and for many to receive hope through Jesus. Pray for New Horizons to be a lighthouse in Spokane, and for the Pathways project.