



over the whole thing so that we could just get on with enjoying time together in the beautiful countryside. After all, it wasn't my fault!

The truth was though, even surrounded by amazing countryside and glorious weather, I felt sad, uncomfortable and on my own. Long story short, the key to the whole situation rested on one word 'sorry' and it was me that needed to say it. How hard could it be? Just say sorry for what had happened. But it wasn't my fault!



Of course, **saying sorry and meaning it was the challenge**. It was only as I considered the impact of my actions in that moment of loss or mourning for the temporary distance in our relationship, that I could genuinely express my sorrow for my actions, and in that moment both of us found comfort and I made a 'note to self' not to do the same thing again!

So What does that mean for us this week?

In this Beatitude we see that Jesus instructs his followers that those who **'mourn sin', feel desolate and show remorse for their actions** both individually and collectively, **receive God's comfort**. When we don't, we rob ourselves of it.

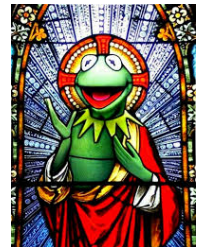
Often we don't show grief or remorse for our actions because we are convinced it's not our fault! Sometimes we are even proud of the fact that we never say sorry. Yet imagine the impact of living out this beatitude in S.Peters School. **It may not always be pleasant, but learning to say sorry, accept responsibility and express regret for your actions will not only expand your language skills, but also your ability to truly connect with other people and as Jesus was always talking about, ultimately, with God himself.**

CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE:

1. In how many different languages can you say "I am sorry?" Ask others in class too.
2. Name some great places you have been, would like to go, for a walk.
3. Can you think of any situations where you needed to say sorry but just couldn't?
4. What's your attitude to this Beatitude? Crazy idea or great way to build relationships?
5. Take a look at a news channel and consider how people go against God's direction.
6. Design a poster for the Prayer Board displaying this week's Beatitude
7. How does the story of the Tax collector's prayer (Luke 18:9-14) relate to this beatitude?

Read and Reflect: Psalm 51

Have mercy on me,¹ O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.



PRAYER:

Jesus we thank you for your example of living God's way. Father God, when we get things wrong and mess up, we ask that through your spirit we would be courageous enough to admit our mistakes, mourn over the consequences we may have caused and actively do something about it. Make us more aware of how our choices affect our relationship with you and enable us to seek your comfort in living right.
Thank you for the blessings you give to us. Amen.

Happy to chat about the blog, Christian faith, prayer requests and everything else (I am in Tue,Wed,Thu)
May we know real life lived out in faith, as individuals and as a community.

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