

## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN

by CHRISTINA MORALES

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** Two older ladies mourn the loss of their dear friend Hazel... and make plans for the shoes she's leaving behind.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** It may be helpful to set the scene as a funeral before the dialogue begins, either by playing some soft sober organ music as lights come up or setting a floral arrangement nearby as stage dressing.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** The Beatitudes

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 5:4

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon Starter

**CHARACTERS:**

IDA

LOUISE

**PROPS:** Handkerchiefs

**COSTUMES:** Black dresses, church hats

**SOUND:** Wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A funeral

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*Two ladies are sitting in a “pew” at a funeral dabbing their eyes.*

**IDA:** I can’t believe Hazel is gone. She was such a sweet soul.

**LOUISE:** Such a sweet soul...

**IDA:** Such a kind spirit.

**LOUISE:** Kind spirit...

**IDA:** She looks so peaceful.

**LOUISE:** Peaceful...

**IDA:** *(Annoyed)* Do you have to repeat everything I say?

**LOUISE:** It’s not my fault; I’m distraught.

*Both look around, waiting for the service to start.*

**IDA:** I wonder when they’re going to start the service.

**LOUISE:** *(Daydreaming)* I wonder if I can have Hazel’s shoes.

**IDA:** Louise! What a horrible thing to say!

**LOUISE:** Oops! I thought I was just thinking that. I didn’t mean to say it out loud.

**IDA:** Well, keep your thoughts to yourself.

**LOUISE:** Really Ida, it’s not so bad. Hazel and I are both size eights, and she always chose shoes with great arches.

**IDA:** This is neither the time nor the place to discuss such things.

**LOUISE:** Ida, Hazel’s dancing with the angels now. I have bifocals that make me dizzy, a girdle on so tight that I can hardly breathe, and enough fiber powder at home to last me until Jesus comes back. The least Hazel can do is give me her shoes.

**IDA:** Please, keep it down. People are starting to stare!

**LOUISE:** Well I’m sorry, but Pastor was preaching on “Blessed are those who mourn,” and I’d like to be blessed with Hazel’s shoe collection.

**IDA:** I hardly think that’s what he meant.

**LOUISE:** He said that God would comfort those who mourn, and the thought of shoes that don’t hurt my corns is sure a comfort to me.