Being blessed so you can be a blessing

Today, as the Fourth of July, it is not unusual to hear, "God Bless America." In fact, that was the title of Pastor Dan Wysong's sermon at Chico last Sabbath. His main point: God's blessing is not a pleasant and comfortable life but rather the opportunity to share God's goodness with others. One of his primary examples: the life of Christ which was clearly blessed by God, often filled with heartache and disappointment, and ended in suffering