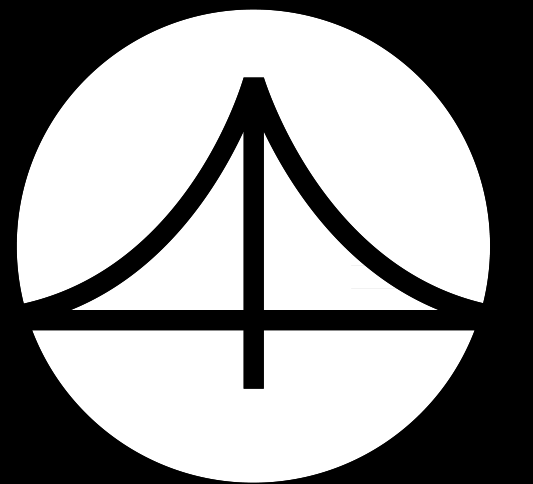


Beatitudes: The Meek

Matthew 5:5



**Blessed are the _____,
for they shall inherit the earth.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit
the earth.**

- **A Better Way to Live**
- **A Bigger Inheritance**
- **Learning to Live Meekly**

A Better Way to Live

- Jesus' meekness: Not standing up for His own rights, but being fierce and strong in standing for the rights of others and the honor of God

Matthew 5:5

“When he was mocked and spat upon, he answered nothing, for he trusted his Father... When he was confronted by Pilate, he kept silent. When his friends betrayed him and fled, he uttered no reproach. When Peter denied him, Jesus restored him to fellowship and service. When Judas came and kissed him in Gethsemane, Jesus called him “friend.” And Jesus meant it. He was never insincere. Even in the throes of death, he pleaded, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34).”

– Kent Hughes

“Yet, when it came to matters of faith and the welfare of others, Jesus was a lion. He rebuked the Pharisees’ hardness of heart when he healed the man’s withered hand on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:9–45). He was angered when his disciples tried to prevent little children from coming to him (Mark 10:13–16). Jesus made a whip and drove the moneychangers from the temple (John 2:14–17). He called Peter “Satan” after the outspoken fisherman tried to deter him from His heavenly mission (Matthew 16:21–23).”

– Kent Hughes

A Better Way to Live

- Jesus' meekness: Not standing up for His own rights, but being fierce and strong in standing for the rights of others and the honor of God
- Meekness requires great self-control and love
- The call to be meek is a call to be strong, but have our strength harnessed under the control of Jesus

Matthew 5:5

A Bigger Inheritance

- The promise: They shall inherit the earth
- Meekness helps create the culture and circumstances that help lead to the best outcomes in our lives today

“The principle runs through all life from top to bottom. Give up your self, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favourite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end: submit with every fibre of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.”

– C.S. Lewis

Learning to Live Meekly

- Pray for the gift
- Receive the invitation of Jesus
- The test of true meekness: How defensive are you?

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