

## Kingdom Principles: The (BE)Attitudes

Matthew 5:5 - Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

### Sermon Notes:

1. Last week, we had a conversation through Matthew 5:4 and discovered the opportunity Christians have been given by God to comfort the hurting by receiving comfort from an ever-present God. We were challenged to let God comfort us in whatever we are going through.
2. Being meek has a negative connotation in the world because it's often perceived as being weak. However, the biblical definition of meek is strength or power under control. Like a soldier who only responds to the voice of their commanding officer, Christians model the compassion and kindness of their Lord and Savior by overcoming the things they endure or face by doing good in the face of evil. Being meek is recognizing that our identity won't come from how we compare ourselves to one another, but from what God says about us.
3. Jesus was the lamb who was led to the slaughter. He was King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but He washed the feet of the disciples. He came to serve and not be served. Jesus upset the power dynamics of what a King looks like. The image of meekness challenges Christians to undo the status quo and model to the world the power of choice and submission. The inheritance of the Christian is one of significance because of difference and taking rightful places to reign with God when everlasting renewal is a reality. The inheritance of the Christian is the home we await for when all wrongs will be made right.

### Indicators of Walking in Meekness:

1. You stop playing the game of comparison for validation.
2. Using your power and privilege to show another way becomes normative.
3. You sense God's trust in you to represent Him in "dark" places and situations.

**Question to Consider:** In what way is the Lord inviting you to be "led" to do things you don't want to do?

### Actions this week:

1. Memorize Matthew 5:3-5. Hear the sermon again for context.
2. Do the unthinkable for someone in your life, like washing the dishes if it's always someone else's job. If you are a helper, ask/let someone help you. If you are always being served by someone, find a way to help them to surprise them.

### Quotes to Consider:

*If you argue for your limitation, you get to keep it. But if you agree with God about your potential, you get to grow into it. - Steve Furtick*

*The greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender. - William Booth*

*Often, to be free means the ability to deal with the realities of one's own situation so as not to be overcome by them. - Howard Thurman*

*What if being the people of "the gospel" meant that we are simply people with good news? God is here. We are loved. It is enough. - Kate Bowler*

*The meek man will attain a place of soul rest. As he walks on in meekness he will be happy to let God defend him. The old struggle to defend himself is over. He has found the peace which meekness brings. - A.W. Tozer*