



SUMMIT: A STUDY THROUGH THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:5; **power under control**

We have been working our way through the Sermon on the Mount and specifically using the Beatitudes as our guide.

Remember we have started in the VALLEY and will ASCEND up the mountain to the SUMMIT in the weeks to come.

"blessed are the poor in spirit" - realization of sin and our need for Jesus

"blessed are those who mourn" - the one who mourns their sin receives COMFORT from Jesus

The valley is where we REALIZE our NEED for JESUS. Our need to FOLLOW Him. Let Him lead. Surrender.

Matthew 5:5...

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Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth

We think meekness = weakness

meek. *gk. praus*: "gentle, courteous, considerate"

POWER UNDER CONTROL.

A Hurricane is an example of **power out of control**.

Matthew 5:5

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Beyond happy are those who have the power, but keep it under control.

Psalm 37:10-11

¹⁰A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. ¹¹But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

Mark Moore says, "Isn't it true that those with humble quiet strength eventually outlast the boisterous and brash?"

Let me give you an example of “humble quiet strength” from the life of Jesus...

Matthew 21:12-15

¹²Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³“It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

Jesus was the epitome of power under control. You say, *“but didn’t Jesus kinda lose it at the Temple?”*

That’s power under control.

Matthew 26:47-50

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth

Blessed are the meek (those who display power under control), for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:38-39

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' ³⁹But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

Power under control.

Do we at times have the right to have our way in certain situations? Sure. But Jesus says, "turn the other cheek."

That doesn't mean we have to let others push us around, Jesus stood up to the money lenders.

It means that we show self-control and forgiveness.

Jesus goes on to say...

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶If you love those who

love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect

Jesus says, "blessed are the meek" those who live with power under control.

POWER UNDER CONTROL.

Jesus says, the meek person "*inherits the earth*" because they know that the kingdom of God is much more important than the feelings of being right, or winning an argument.

There are bigger things at play on this earth than the things of this earth.

HEAVEN - ETERNITY / *JESUS is the ultimate goal of the meek person*, NOT winning some silly, temporary argument that goes nowhere and benefits no one.

As Christians we have to stay within the banks.

Think about the example of Jesus for a moment.

Beaten to within an inch of His life by trained Roman soldiers, tortured on the way to His death, carrying His own cross on which He would die, nailed to it, stabbed in the side.

Jesus had every opportunity to call it off, to thrash those around Him, to show His power.

But Jesus did not do that.

Instead, He incurred the abuses because He knew that ETERNITY was hanging in the balance.

So for us, when someone says, or posts something you disagree with, or the temptation to thrash someone either verbally or physically presents itself, THINK ABOUT JESUS, THINK ABOUT MEEKNESS

Sometimes we might win the battle but lose the war. We might win the argument, but lose an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus.

Remember meekness does not mean weakness, it means...

POWER UNDER CONTROL.

SGL Questions:

1. What are some things that you have witnessed in nature that show God's mighty power?
2. Read Matthew 5:5 - what are your initial thoughts when you read this verse? What should our attitudes be like?
3. What are some areas of your life that you have a hard time keeping a level head? How can you change your reactions?
4. Knowing all the things that Jesus endured and not using his infinite powers to stop it, what does that tell you about how much God loves you?
5. What things have you learned about life, and yourself during those times when you have been in the valley?