



#Blessed Are The Meek

GETTING STARTED

Who have made it to “the top” in society today? *Blessed are the assertive, strong, cut-throat, cheaters, famous, powerful, and workaholics, for they shall inherit the earth* is the way the world seems to work. Yet Jesus says that it's the meek who shall inherit the earth. What does that mean? How does that work? And who will you believe?

READ THE TEXT: Matthew 5:5

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

UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word, *Meek*?
2. Two men are described as meek in the Bible. Moses (Numbers 12:3) and Jesus (Matthew 11:29 *gentle* - same word used for *meek*). Compare and contrast your answers from Q.1 with what you know about Moses and Jesus.
3. Read Psalm 37:1-29. Note the five variations of the same earth-inheriting promise (3, 9, 11, 22, 29). In each, the promise of inheriting the land is in the context of being oppressed and hurt by proud people. How does that apply to the words, life, and promises of Jesus?

APPLY THE TEXT

1. Think about who you tend to compare yourself to these days. How do you feel about yourself when you're making those comparisons? What are you seeking through this comparison (approval, applause, self-actualization/fulfillment)?



2. What do Matthew 5:5 and Psalm 37 offer you to replace what you're looking for in pride and prioritizing yourself over others?

SHARE & PRAY

1. Share how you are proud (some fixate on ways they feel better than others, others fixate on themselves in a self-deprecating way. Regardless, it's self-focus). Confess it to God and pray for each other.
2. How can we support and pray for each other and those beyond ourselves at this time?
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