



**SIMPLY  
THE  
BLESSED**

# Matthew 5:1-12



**EVERYTHING** about these  
characteristics were  
counter cultural  
(it was the opposite of the  
Pharisees' teaching)



**At first glance it's  
easy to confuse  
Meek with Weak**



**“Weakness” = Lack of  
adequate strength; inability;  
being feeble (it’s the opposite  
of powerful)**



**“Meekness” = to accept without  
resistance the will and desire of  
another; being submissive  
(power under control)**



**Meekness is**  
**I CAN do something,**  
**I just CHOOSE NOT to**



**Meekness stems from complete trust in God's goodness and control over the situation**





**It's ONLY when we are truly broken  
(we recognize we are poor in  
spirit and we grieve over our own  
sin and others sin)  
that we completely surrender  
and entirely rely on God**



**BLESSED ARE  
THE MEEK**



# **Matthew 5:5**

**During Jesus' time, meekness  
was NOT something to desire  
(slaves and servants would have  
been considered meek)**



**Jewish people were oppressed  
and utterly dominated –  
they could ONLY participate in  
things that the Roman  
Government permitted**



**It's NOT BAD to submit to  
someone else's authority**



# **Matthew 22:15-22**

**ALL of us have some type  
of authority over us**



**DON'T Be MORE concerned  
about having to submit than  
you are over using this situation  
to point people to Jesus!**



**Jesus was teaching that the proper response to the oppression the Jewish people were facing was humble, gentle, meekness**





# **Matthew 5:3-5**

**In Scripture there are  
2 people who are recognized  
for being meek:**



# 1. Moses

Numbers 12:3

**Notice Moses NEVER defended himself (God defended him)**



# **Numbers 12:4-12**

**God is the One who vindicates  
(we DON'T NEED to prove  
ourselves)**



**Take ownership where it's appropriate and allow God room to work (DON'T be so hasty to defend yourself)**



# **Numbers 12:13-15**

**Even though Moses was unjustly wronged, he cried out to the Lord for Miriam's healing (pretty awesome testimony)**



# 1. Jesus

**Matthew 21:5**



**At ANY moment, Jesus could  
have called for a legion of  
angels (that's 50,000) to come  
and minister to Him**

**Philippians 2:5-10**



**Jesus had access to EVERY  
necessary resource and He could  
have flexed His God muscle at ANY  
point, but he instead submitted  
Himself to His Heavenly Father**





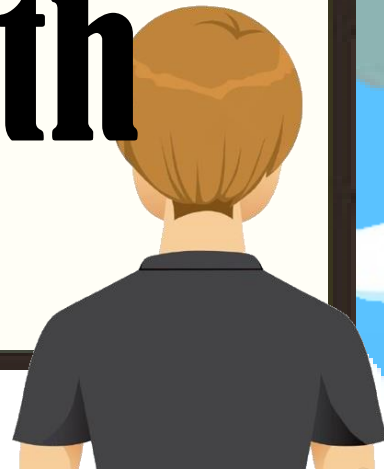
**Matthew 26:39b**

**Philippians 2:5**

**Matthew 5:5**



**“Inherit the Earth” = could refer to Jesus’ earthly reign, but it will definitely occur during the New and Restored Earth**



**SO WHAT?**

