The Strength of the Gentle *Matthew 5:5* Sunday, March 10, 2024



Scripture Memory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10



Foundational Truths

These qualities are being developed over time – Progressive Sanctification The Connection between being poor in spirit, those who mourn, and the meek Meekness is a Fruit of the Spirit As Fruit it cannot be manufacture; it can only be cultivated



Biblical Definitions

Poor in Spirit – To recognize one's own spiritual poverty apart from God's amazing grace – **Spiritually bankrupt.**

Mourning—a brokenness before God born out of truth revealed through my fellowship with Him.



Meekness Defined

Meekness – the overflow of brokenness before God expressed in my surrender to Him and my submission to others.

Strength / power under control



Meekness Demonstrated

Abraham vs. Lot Joseph vs His Brothers David vs. Saul Jesus on the Cross



Opposite of Meekness

Harshness: If you are mean in your treatment of others, if there is an absence of gentleness in your treatment of others, take heed. **Selfish:** If you make sure you always get yours first, if "numero uno" is the subtle driving force in your life, if you care little about how your actions affect others, beware. Vengeful: If you are known as someone never to cross, if you always get your "pound of flesh," be on your guard. **Uncontrolled:** If rage fills your soul so that life is a series of explosions occasioned by the "fools" in your life, watch out.

I want to be like Jesus

Philippians 2:5 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

Galatians 4:19 - Luke 6:40 - Romans 12:1-2 - Romans 8:28-29



Meekness Developed

Surrender to the Spirit Continually – Eph. 5:18 Recognized that it is a Fruit of the Spirit – Gal. 5:16-23 Yoke Yourself to Jesus – Mt. 11:28-30



Reach your FRANs

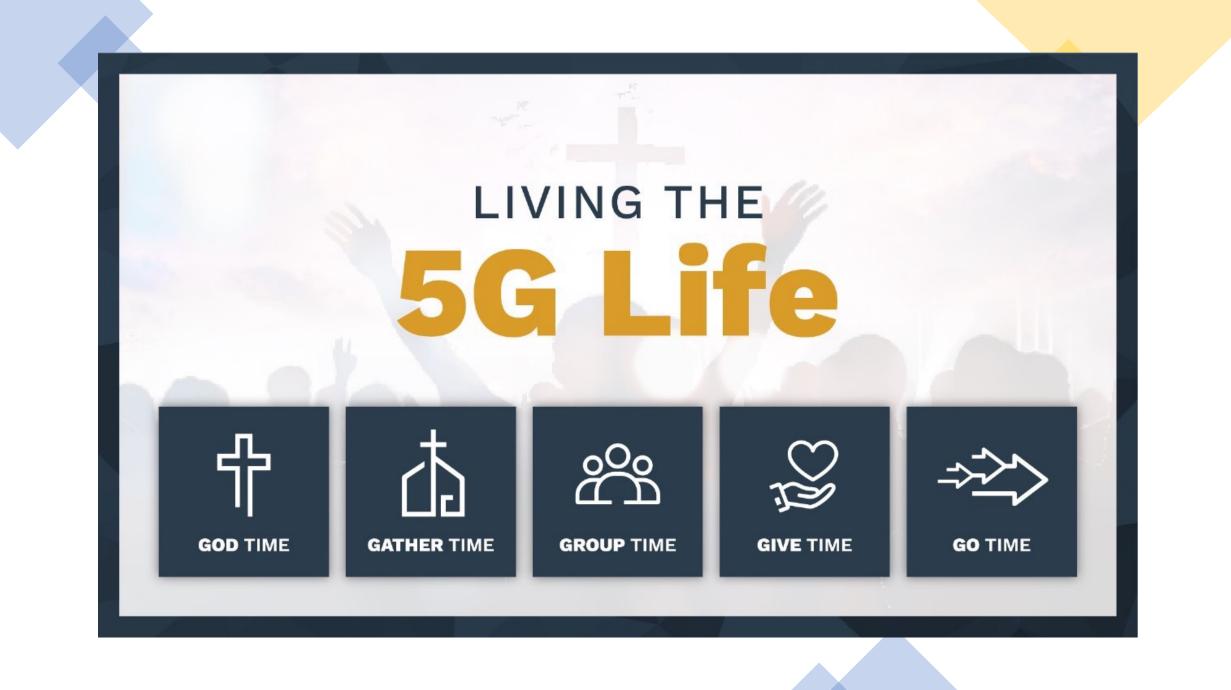
Friends, Relatives, Associates, & Neighbors

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#TFBAbide Bible Reading Plan

Day 1 – Genesis 27:18 Day 2 – Genesis 27:19-20 Day 3 – Genesis 27:21-24 Day 4 – Genesis 27:25-27 Day – Genesis 27:28-30

Scripture Memory: Psalm 51:10

