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BEATITUDES

*A Blessed Life*  
in a Fallen World



# Rich & Poor

**Matthew 5 - Beatitudes**

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*“Jesus is not prescribing how to be blessed, but rather describing who is blessed.”*

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1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.

2 He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*“A man can counterfeit love, he can counterfeit faith, he can counterfeit hope and all the other graces, but it is very difficult to counterfeit humility.”*

*D.L. Moody*

# Matthew 5:3-10


## Arch Structure

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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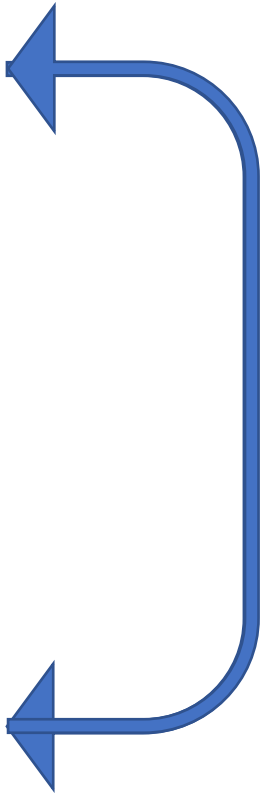
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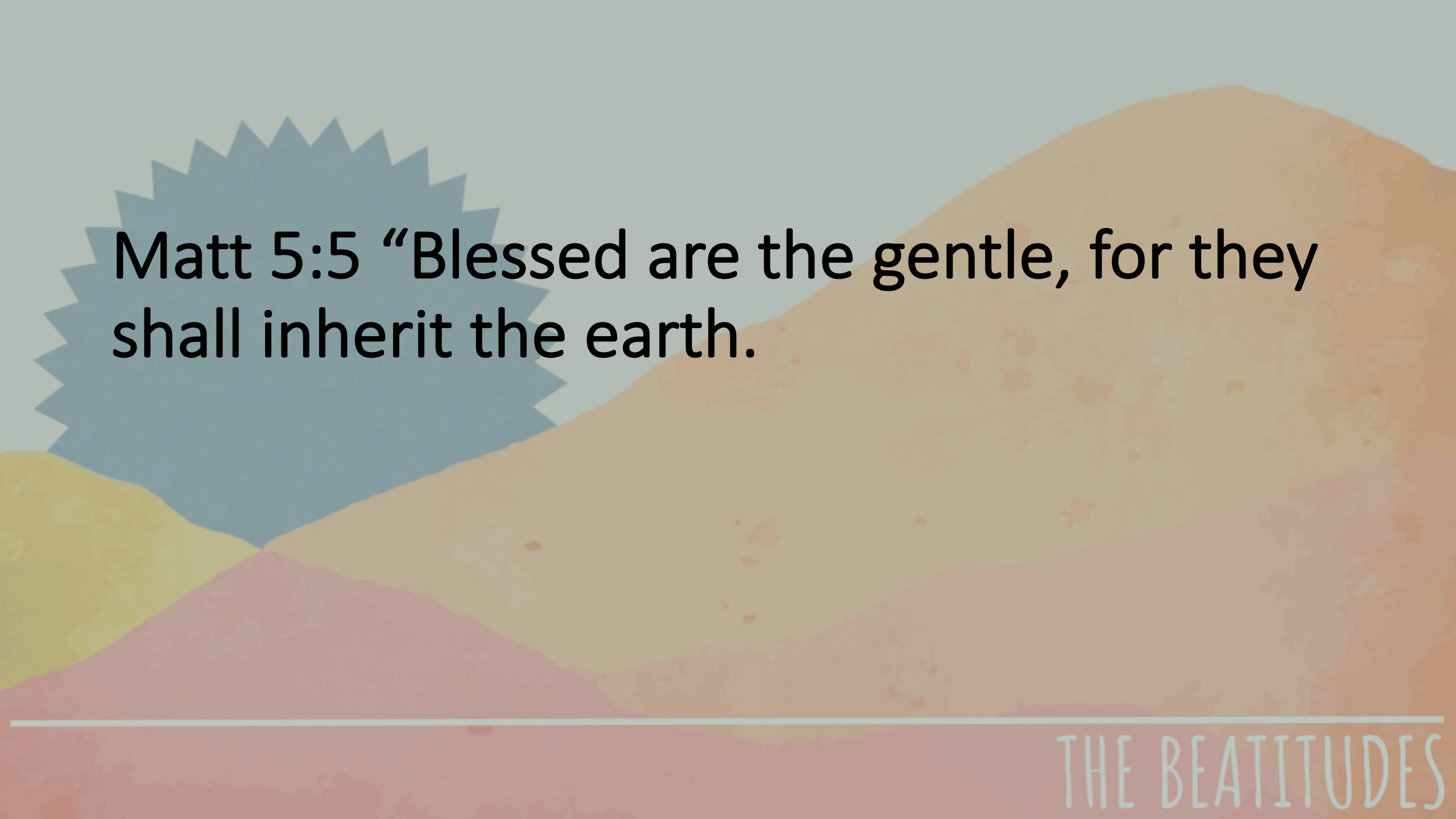
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the meek  
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the peacemakers  
those persecuted for  
righteousness' sake,  
reproached and  
accused falsely of evil

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- they shall be filled.
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- they shall see God.
- they shall be called sons of God.
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- Meekness is NOT weakness
- Jesus cleaning the Temple – Matt 21
- 5 sets of worldview – each with ruling ideas
- ‘inherit’ NOT conquer – whose to give?
- Wycliffe – ‘blessed are the mild men’

“And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.” Matt. 21:12–13

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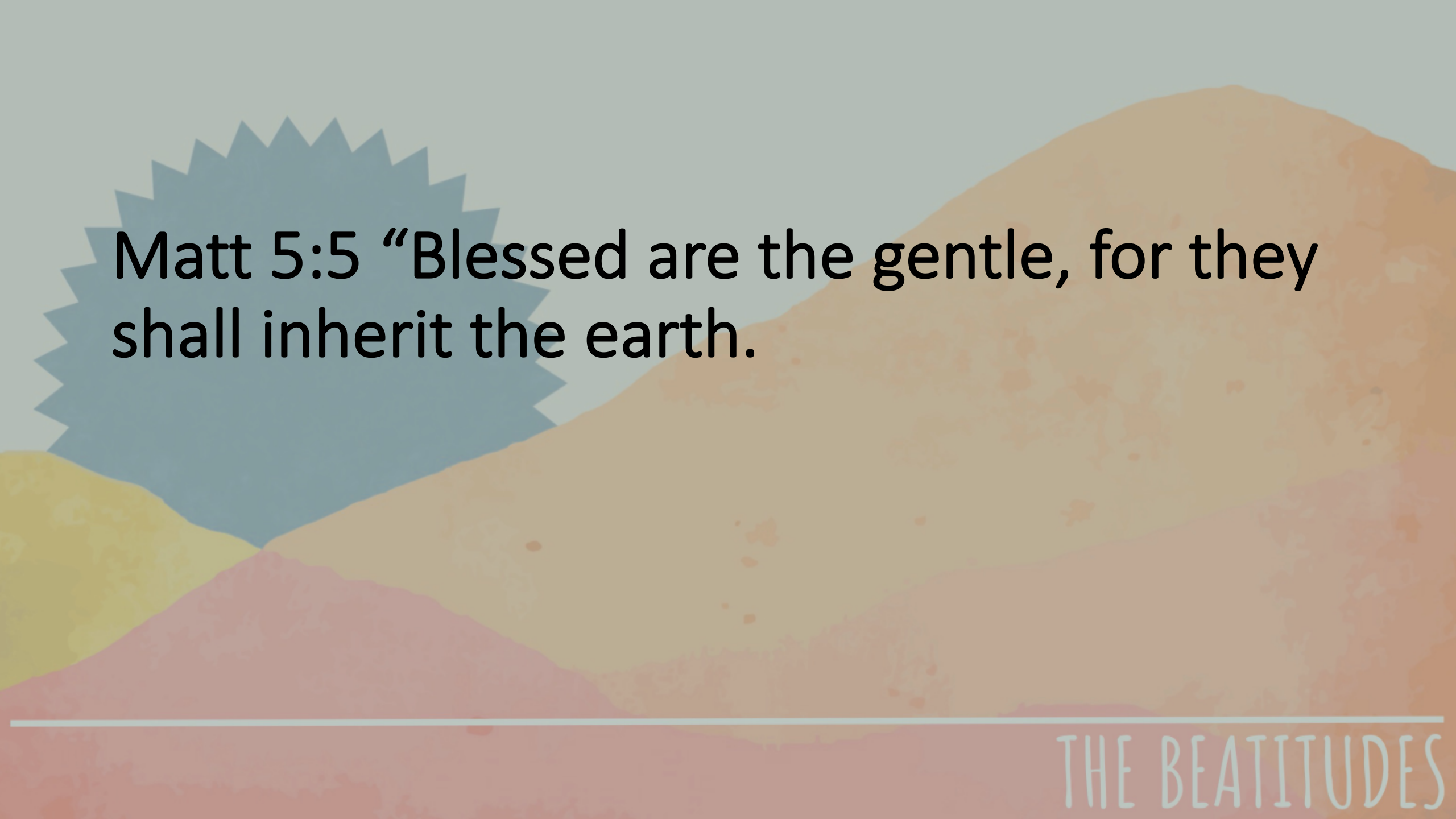
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*“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.” C.S. Lewis*

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*Jesus: “There is no love of God without patience, and no patience without lowliness and sweetness of spirit.” John Wesley*

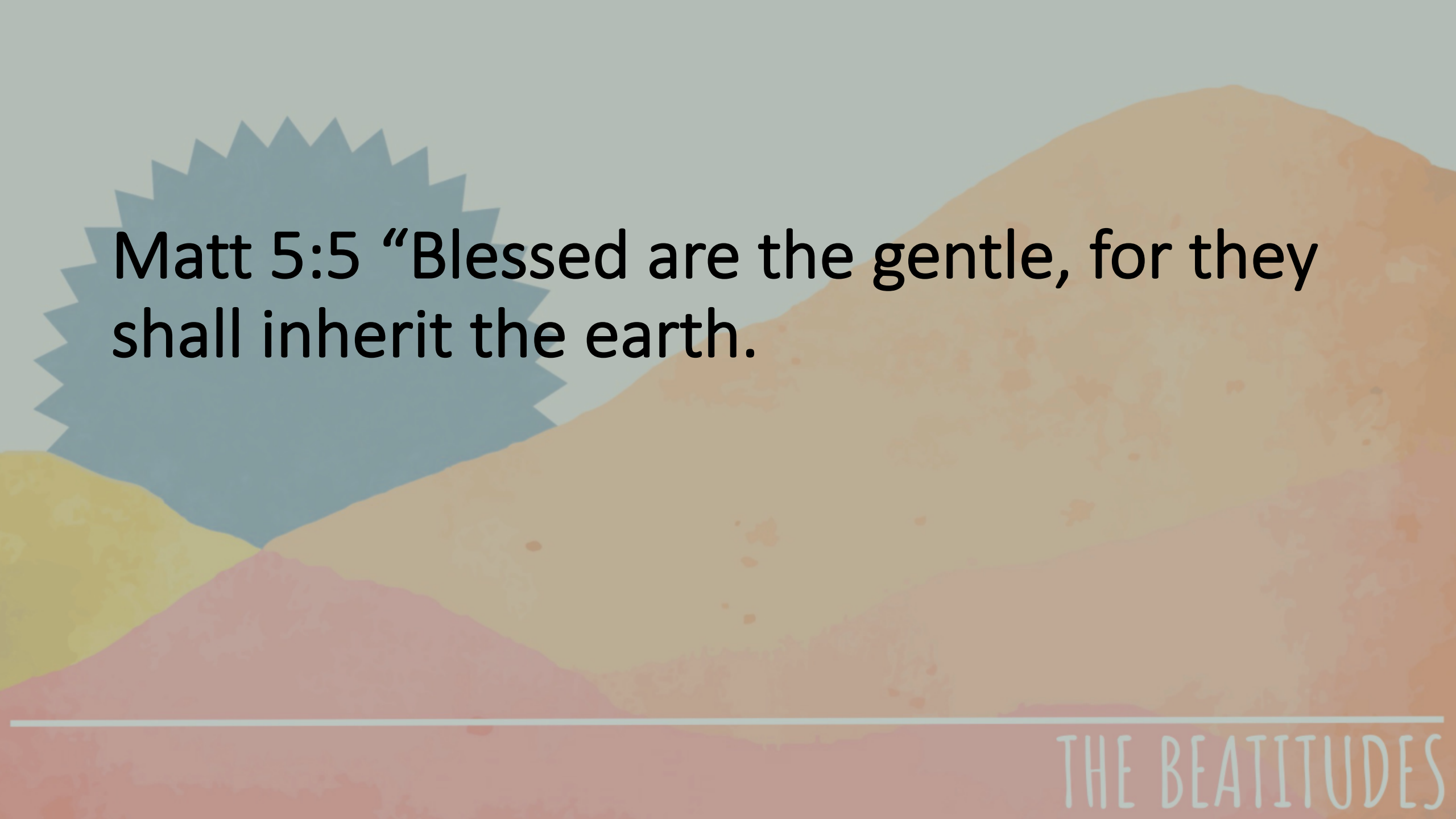


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- Meekness is not ‘let it slide’

“When I pastored a country church, a farmer didn't like the sermons I preached on Hell. He said, "Preach about the meek and lowly Jesus." I said, "That's where I got my information about Hell."”

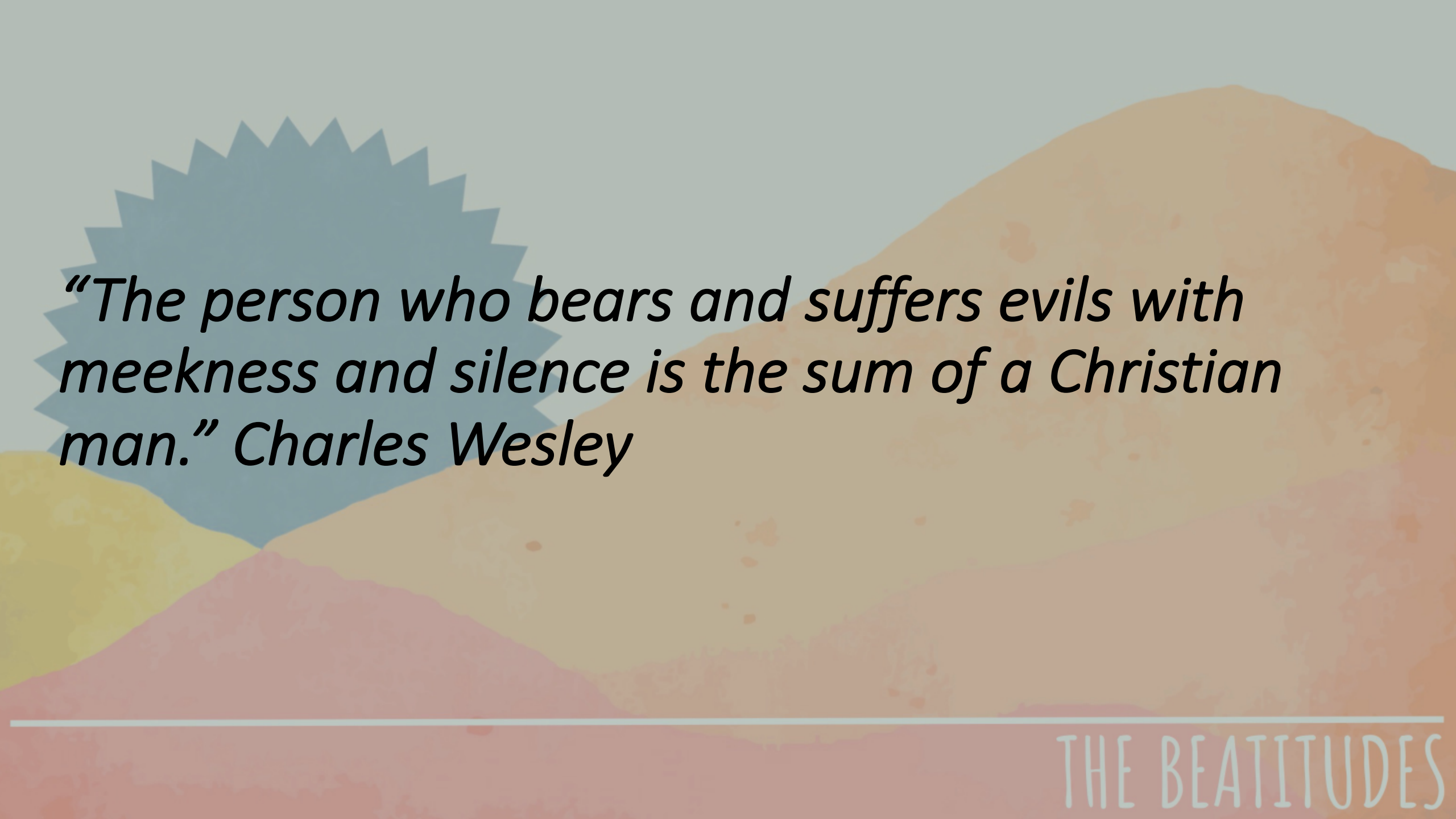
Vance Havner



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# Meekness in me?

- Personal Gain - Mark 8:36
- Personal Loss – Php 3:8
- What would the meek do with the Earth?



*“The person who bears and suffers evils with meekness and silence is the sum of a Christian man.” Charles Wesley*



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# Meekness is trusting the heart of God!

- I can trust Him with my life & future
- I can let go of my need to control or avenge
- I will control my choices and yield them to God
- *“Meekness is power under control.”* Warren Wiersbe
- Which is a better word – gentleness or meekness?

*“Gentleness is an active trait, describing the manner in which we should treat others.*

*Meekness is a passive trait, describing the proper Christian response when others mistreat us.”*

*Jerry Bridges*





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