

I Surrender All

Matthew 5:3-5 (NIV)

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

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

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth."

Luke 15, The Prodigal Son: Two very different responses

- **Luke 15:13-19**, I give up, this is not working, I am going to die, I need my father.
- **Luke 15:28-30**, I refuse to quit, I deserve what I have, my father owes me.
- **Step Three: Surrender**, Choose surrender over striving.

Who is in charge? This is what meekness is all about. Meekness is not weakness, but power under control. Jesus says the blessing comes when you realize that your independence is destroying you, and you choose to put Jesus in charge of your life.

Psalm 46:10, "Cease striving and know that I am God."

Moses was one of the greatest leaders in the bible, but he was young, arrogant, short-tempered, and impulsive. He needed to learn how to live and work in the wilderness. However, the most important work God was doing was in Moses' heart.

**Have you ever been through a wilderness season? What is God trying to produce in your heart?
Surrender!**

Exodus 4:1-5, 10-13

Exodus 33:1-3, 15-16. What is the thing you are thinking about and praying for most frequently? What if you could honestly say, I want God more. When you make God your first pursuit, whatever He leads you into or brings into your life is better than what you would have chosen for yourself.

- Prince of Egypt or Leader of Israel
- Hell, eternal rewards
- God is always looking at the bigger picture

Numbers 12:3, "Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth." (ESV)

Lifelong prayer: "Whatever you want me to be, whatever you want me to do, wherever you want me to go, my life is yours."

Prayer of Surrender: Jesus, I have been in charge for far too long. I trust your heart, your wisdom, and your plan for my life. Today, I lay it all down. I surrender all to you. Whatever you want me to be, whatever you want me to do, and wherever you want me to go, my life is yours!