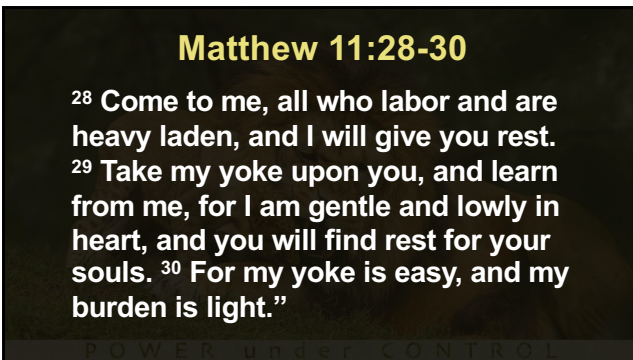




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Meekness Looks Like...

Meekness toward others means we are gentle and don't seek to retaliate when we are wronged.

Meekness toward God means we accept His dealings with us as good and seek to be yoked together with him.

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Hebrews 5:8

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

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Suffer

Greek pascho, means to suffer as a result of outside forces or circumstances.

Physical suffering due to persecution

Mental suffering due to outside pressures

Financial suffering due to money hardships

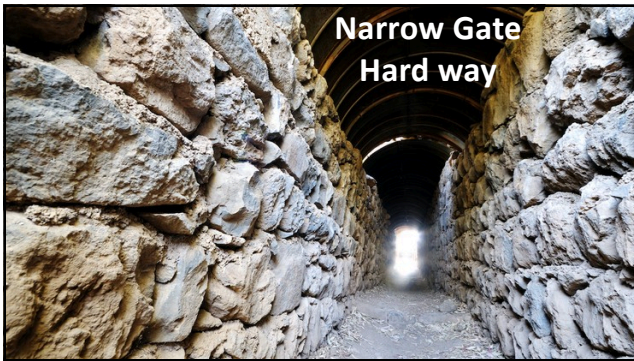
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Matthew 7:13-14

¹³“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

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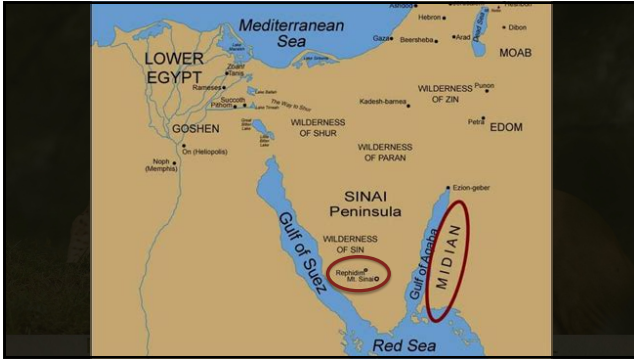


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Meekness with God grows by resisting the outside pressure to disobey

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18 Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well."

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Meekness with God

1. Our default is to honor others

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Honor Principle

Romans 12:10

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

1 Peter 2:17

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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¹⁹ And the Lord said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all the men who were seeking your life are dead." ²⁰ So Moses took his wife and his sons and had them ride on a donkey,

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and went back to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the staff of God in his hand.

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Moses' Staff

Staff represents all the experiences, successes and failures of the past 40 years. God redeems the good and bad. Yet God would use Moses' staff in profoundly different ways as an instrument of deliverance.

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Burdens

Type	Burden	What To Do?
Light	Deliverer	Seek Guidance
Heavy	Strong Emotions	Name it, Tame it
Heavy	Focus on Failure	Add to our staff

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²¹ And the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go."

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22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, Israel is my firstborn son, 23 and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me." If you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son.'

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- 1. Our default is to honor others
- 2. God always builds us for the future

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Moses' weakness: Family

Gershom "Stranger There" was Moses' firstborn son through his wife Zipporah during the 40 years in the Midian. Moses' second born was Eliezer "God helps". **Moses had a weakness with his family where honor grew into appeasing.**

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Mark 3:20-21

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

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God is Patient, Not Tolerant

God does not compromise. He is not tolerant but patient (long-suffering), which is an attribute of God's love.

Tolerant means to allow to be done without hindrance or contradiction

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2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

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Burdens

Type	Burden	What To Do?
Light	Deliverer	Seek Guidance
Heavy	Strong Emotions	Name it, Tame it
Heavy	Focus on Failure	Redeem it
Heavy	Appeasing	Stand for God

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Meekness with God

1. Our default is to honor others
2. God always builds us for the future
3. Family pressure requires special obedience

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Exodus 4

24 At a lodging place on the way the Lord met him and sought to put him to death. **25** Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it and said, "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me!"

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Moses The Law Giver?

God was going to kill Moses because Moses was called to teach the Israelites God's Law, yet Moses was not obeying God's Law himself. Moses was ignorant of being called as a law-giver but his obedience on circumcision was very important.

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Obedience Starts When We Disagree

Obedience starts where our personal desires stop. If we like what God is requiring of us then we are just following our own desires. Obedience starts when we don't like it, we disagree or we don't understand.

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Colossians 2:11

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

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Colossians 2:12

¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

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Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

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Why Keep Moses?

Why didn't God just eliminate the middle man Moses and speak to Aaron directly? Moses had an unusual ability to hear and experience God spiritually. Moses had the gift of prophecy.

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Lay Aside Appeasing

There is often a point of confrontation in the lives where God demands that we lay aside some area of compromise or appeasing and will not allow us to progress further until we do.

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Exodus 4

²⁶ So he let him alone. It was then that she said, "A bridegroom of blood," because of the circumcision.

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Meekness with God

- 1. Our default is to honor others
- 2. God always builds us for the future
- 3. Family pressure requires special obedience
- 4. God used Zipporah to do what Moses would not do himself.

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