





Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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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Psalm 55

¹² For it is not an enemy who taunts methen I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me- then I could hide from him...¹⁴ We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.

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Burdens

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Deliverer	Seek Guidance
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Defending Self	
	Deliverer Strong Emotions

Meekness with Family

Meekness rests in God as our shield

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Numbers 12

¹ Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman.

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Meekness with Family

1. Unavoidable, Unsolvable conflict

Marriage to a Cushite

- 1. Ethnicity and skin color from birth
- 2. Marriage is fait accompli
- 3. Now a member of the extended family

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Matthew 10

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-inlaw.

Matthew 10

³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

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Matthew 10

³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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Two Commandments on Love

Matthew 22:37–38 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment"

Matthew 10:37 "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me"

Luke 12:52

For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.

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Numbers 12

² And they said, "Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?" And the LORD heard it. ³ Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.

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Meekness with Family

- 1. Unavoidable, unsolvable conflict
- 2. The Lord defends the meek

Psalm 18

²⁵ With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁶ with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.

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²⁷ For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.

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Proverbs 3:34

Toward the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he gives favor.

Psalm 25

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Isaiah 54:17

no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."

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Vindication

The act of clearing someone from blame

Biblical definition includes to be declared righteous.

Numbers 12

⁴ And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out.

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Numbers 12

⁵ And the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward.

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Numbers 12

⁶ And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.

Numbers 12

⁷ Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. ⁸ With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

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Numbers 12

⁹ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and he departed. ¹⁰ When the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, like snow. And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and behold, she was leprous.

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Numbers 12

¹¹ And Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, do not punish us because we have done foolishly and have sinned. ¹² Let her not be as one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes out of his mother's womb."

Numbers 12

¹³ And Moses cried to the LORD, "O God, please heal her—please." ¹⁴ But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut outside the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought in again."

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Numbers 12

¹⁵ So Miriam was shut outside the camp seven days, and the people did not set out on the march till Miriam was brought in again. ¹⁶ After that the people set out from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

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Meekness with Family

- 1. Unavoidable, unsolvable conflict
- 2. The Lord defends the meek
- 3. Justice is not always swift but is sure

Accusation of Pride

Miriam attempted to make Moses seem proud. The real charge was that Moses "acts as if he is the only one the LORD speaks through and has a relationship with". God personally sets the record straight without first raising the issue with Moses to keep him from interceding.

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²² Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

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