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BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Matthew 5:5
"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."*

It seems that our culture rewards the brash, the loud, and the aggressive. The spoils are enjoyed by those audacious enough to rise up and seize them. In this atmosphere, it becomes very tempting for Christians to be drawn into this approach to life. We want to flex our muscles. Demand what believe to be ours. We even try to coerce God into our error by "praying" for Him to honor our selfish demands.

Christ, however reminds us that it is the meek who ultimate inherit the earth. They are the ones whom God causes to truly enjoy His earth.

It is the meek who win!

What does it mean to be a meek person in God's estimation? We can garner some ideas from the life of the great Old Testament leader Moses who was declared to be the meekest man on earth (Numbers 12:3). Moses occupied a position of great power and authority as God's undisputed choice to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. He was empowered to perform amazing miracles. He spoke to God face to face! Yet Moses never thought to exploit his position for personal benefit. He was deeply aware of his need to depend heavily on God to sustain and empower Him. He readily admitted that he could not lead the Israelites unless God went with him.

Perhaps his meekness shone greatest when his position and authority were impudently challenged – by his very own brother and sister. When God's judgment fell on them for their

insolence, he begged for God to show mercy to his sister and to heal her of the leprosy inflicted on her for her presumption (Numbers 23). Later, he even interceded for those outside his family who also challenged his leadership.

Meekness then, seems to be a quiet trust in the Lord that leads us to depend on Him to elevate us, enable us, vindicate us, and sustain us. We exist only for His pleasure and goodwill. We acknowledge Him as our only source of strength and blessing. When we come to this place of quiet surrender to God, He becomes our Champion, and procures for us what we could not procure for ourselves.

Lord, help us to be meek.

God bless you,

Pastor James

GET READY...

REMINDER
Sunday,
November 1, 2020
Daylight Savings
ends at 2:00 am
Dont forget to turn
your clocks
backward 1 hr.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>October 27</p> <p>Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p>October 29 & 30</p> <p>Contact Pastor James at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com for log on details.</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>November 1</p> <p>In-person service and livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>QUICK TIPS</p> <p>Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>October 30</p> <p>Youth meetings are in-person at church.</p>	<p>VIRTUAL KIDZONE SUN @ 4 PM</p> <p>November 1</p> <p>Kidzone is available every Sunday. Contact Candice at candicebrich@gmail.com for log on information.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are ready to welcome you back to in-person worship at 11 am on Sundays. Just call ahead to 570 856 3310 or email us at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.
- Please pray for Peg Korkidas who has surgery on Monday (10/26/20).
- Please pray for Dawnell Exil-Moore as she recuperates from surgery.
- We need 20 volunteers to help meet the Christmas gift wishes of some of the residents at the Garden at Stroud. If you would like to participate, contact Tom at 570 223 9550.
- For our Thanksgiving outreach this year, we will be giving out gift cards instead of food baskets. If you'd like to contribute, you may send your donation with your usual giving. Please be sure to note clearly what amount is for the Thanksgiving Outreach.
- Plan to join either the Thursday or Friday online Growth Group this week! Sign up via email at mountainstreamchurch@gmail.com or call for log-in information.
- If you are interested in learning basic music (primarily for church worship purposes), please come to church on Saturdays at 5 pm for free instructions in keyboard, guitar and drumming. For more information please contact Dwain Gayle at 347 677 2923.
- Please see our webpage for detailed information on in-person gatherings.