



Being meek is not about being weak and passive, but being strong and courageous in showing God's love; and it comes with reward.....for they will inherit the Earth.”



It is challenging to humbly put away our power and sit under God's control because we think it's better to get them before they get you! **Yes, sometimes, the bad guys might win! But - in the long run says Jesus - the meek "will inherit the earth."** God's promise of the kingdom is a new heaven and a new *earth* ([Revelation 21:1](#)). Those who submit their power to God will inherit the perfect kingdom coming to earth.

Jesus' reference to being 'meek' is about choosing to **keep a lid on things and being prepared to Fully Rely On God** for what you may need.

So What does that mean for us this week?

Meekness doesn't mean we let others walk all over us simply because, "It's not the Christian thing to do to speak up." However, it does mean we **curb our urge to avenge the wrongs done against us, and instead use whatever power we have to serve others.**

We often find ourselves caught up in unfair circumstances. The question is how we handle those moments? **'Putting a lid on' feelings of revenge, anger and frustration before anyone can really get hurt takes guts, humility and meekness!** That would be good to see in the tennis courts when the tackles are flying in: In the corridors when gossips starts: In the bus queue when the last seat is taken. We can lash out, seek revenge or try to defend ourselves but what if we can ask God to equip us with quiet dignity to get through? One way leads to momentary relief, while the other leads to spiritual growth, and may even be a witness to others. **This attitude will win out in the end with the meek having a place in God's kingdom.**

What's Your attitude to this beatitude?

CHAPLAIN'S CHALLENGE:

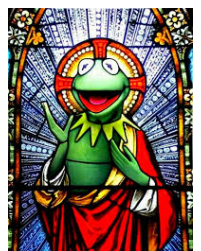
1. What is the worst disaster to have happened when you were cooking?
2. Some say it takes a real hero to walk away from a fight. True or False?
3. **Meekness, is a positive virtue.** How can you demonstrate this virtue in school?
4. When would it be wrong to just stand back and watch an injustice happen?
5. Why do you think Jesus didn't use his power to save himself from torture and death?

Read and Reflect: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Colossians 3:12).

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, If I'm honest, meekness is not always my first response, because it goes against my human tendency to get justice and to stand up for myself. I know My heart needs to change, but it won't happen without your help. Lord, will you help me to see practical ways to walk out of a potentially explosive situation. Help me keep a lid on my feelings. Help me to be meek!

Amen.



Happy to chat about the blog, Christian faith, prayer requests and everything else (I am in Tue,Wed,Thu)
May we know real life lived out in faith, as individuals and as a community.

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