

Scripture Reading – Matthew 5:5-6

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MEEKNESS

- WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU THINK OF SOMEONE BEING MEEK?
 - Weak
 - Cowardly
- SEVERAL PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE DESCRIBED AS MEEK

NUMBERS 12:3-9

³ Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth. 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. 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. 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. 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?” ⁹ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and he departed.

MOSES

- **ADOPTED SON OF PHAROAH'S DAUGHTER**
 - Prince of Egypt
 - Killed an Egyptian for persecuting an Israelite
 - Stood in front of Pharoah and told him to let God's people go
 - Led God's people out of Egypt
 - Delivered the 10 Commandments
- **CERTAINLY NOT WHAT I WOULD CONSIDER TO BE MEEK BY TODAYS PERCEIVED DEFINITION.**

MATTHEW 11:29

“TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME;
FOR I AM MEEK AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE
SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS.”

MATTHEW 11:29 ASV

MATTHEW 21:1-5

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”
⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,
⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

Matthew 21:1-5 ESV

JESUS

- **WOULD JESUS BE DESCRIBED AS MEEK IF IT WERE A BAD THING?**
 - Who is Jesus?
 - Son of God
 - Alpha and Omega
 - Beginning and End
 - Commander of the army of God
 - Lion of Judah
 - Mighty God
 - High Priest
 - The Almighty

JESUS

- **WHO IS JESUS, CONT?**
 - Messiah
 - Christ
 - Savior
 - Lamb of God
 - Prince of Peace

HUNGER AND THIRST

- ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- What does it mean to hunger?
- Merriam-Webster defines hunger as...
 - A craving or urgent need for food or a specific nutrient
 - An uneasy sensation occasioned by the lack of food
 - A weakened condition brought about by prolonged lack of food
 - A STRONG DESIRE

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN HUNGRY?

- So hungry your body is aching.
- Weak from hunger
- Needing sustenance

WHAT IS YOUR BODY LONGING FOR?

- Carbs?
- Protein?
- Vitamins and Minerals
- Caffeine

WHAT ABOUT SPIRITUALLY?

- Can we hunger and thirst the same way spiritually as our physical body hungers for food and thirsts for water?
- YES
 - We hunger for spiritual sustenance
 - We yearn for spiritual food to get us through the next encounter, hour, day, week, month, etc...

SEEK IT OUT, BE HUNGRY

- “WHOEVER PURSUES RIGHTEOUSNESS AND LOVE FINDS LIFE, PROSPERITY, AND HONOR

Proverbs 21:21

- “BUT YOU, MAN OF GOD, FLEE FROM ALL THIS, AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, GODLINESS, FAITH, LOVE, ENDURANCE, AND GENTLENESS.”

1 Timothy 6:11

A chef with a beard, wearing a white chef's hat and a white jacket with a black apron, is smiling and handing a white plate of food to a customer. The plate contains a piece of grilled fish, some green and yellow vegetables, and a small portion of rice. The background shows a professional kitchen with stainless steel equipment, including a stove with pots and a large metal hood. A warm, yellow light from a pendant lamp is visible above the chef.

**ARE YOU HUNGRY
AND THIRSTY?**