

Power Under Control!
Blessed: It's An Inside Job! Pt. 3
Matthew 5:5

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

Matthew 26:52, *"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. **53** Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"*

1 Samuel 24:2, *So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men... **3** He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. **4** The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. **5** Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. **6** He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD." **7** With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.*

1 Samuel 26:7, *So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head... **8** Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won't strike him twice." **9** But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and be guiltless? **10** As surely as the LORD lives," he said, "the LORD himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. **11** But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's*

anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

What Does Meekness Look Like in Real Life?

1. I Can Be STRONG — Without Having to Prove It

Proverbs 16:32, *Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.*

Genesis 50:15, *When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" **16** So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: **17** 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. **18** His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. **19** But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? **20** You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."*

2. I Can Stand for TRUTH — Without Losing Control

Ephesians 4:15, *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

1 Peter 3:15, *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*

John 2:13, *When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** In the temple*

courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. **15** So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. **16** To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” **17** His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

3. I Can FIGHT for What Is Right — Without Making It About Me

Micah 6:8, He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Galatians 6:1, ... if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently...

Numbers 12:1, Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses... **2** “Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this. **3** (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) **4** At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out... **7** “But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. **8** With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” **9** The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. **10** When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, **11** and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed...” **13** So Moses cried out to the LORD, “Please, God, heal her!”

4. I Can Do What Is RIGHT — and Trust God With the Result

Matthew 5:5, Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Psalms 37:5, Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: **6** He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. **7** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes... **9** For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land... **11** But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

John 19:10, “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?” **11** Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above...”