

## Devotional 3: The Meek

### *Surrender and Servanthood*

#### Foundational Text

*“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”*

— Matthew 5:5

#### What the Text Reveals

The Greek *praieis* does not mean what modern English has made of “meek.” It described a war horse trained to respond to the slightest command—enormous power under complete control. Aristotle used it to describe the mean between excessive anger and the inability to feel anger at all. Meekness is not the absence of strength but strength surrendered to a higher authority.

The promise—“they will inherit the earth”—is deliberately paradoxical. Those who refuse to grasp for power receive the earth. Those who seize control lose it. Jesus quotes Psalm 37:11 directly, embedding His teaching in the Old Testament’s consistent testimony that God entrusts His creation to those who will not exploit it for selfish purposes.

Notice the progression: poor in spirit (recognizing we have nothing), mourning (grieving over sin), meek (surrendering what strength we do possess to God’s purposes). The first two beatitudes empty the soul; the third redirects whatever capacity remains toward God’s agenda rather than our own.

#### Biblical Architecture

**Numbers 12:3** calls Moses “more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth”—yet this is the man who confronted Pharaoh, parted the Red Sea, and led a nation through the wilderness. Meekness did not diminish Moses’s effectiveness; it channeled it. He was powerful precisely because his power was surrendered to God’s direction.

**Philippians 2:5–8** presents Christ Himself as the supreme example: “He made himself nothing... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” The One who possessed all power voluntarily emptied Himself. The One who could command legions of angels submitted to Roman soldiers. And because of this surrender—not despite it—“God exalted him to the highest place.”

**James 4:6** establishes the divine principle: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” This is not preference but architecture. God’s kingdom cannot advance through those

who would redirect its power toward self-promotion. He entrusts authority to the meek because they will not hijack it.

## Core Thesis

***Meekness is not weakness—it is surrendered strength. Revival advances through leaders and believers who refuse to leverage power for personal gain, who serve rather than dominate, who wash feet rather than demand thrones. God entrusts His kingdom to the meek because they will not hijack it for selfish purposes.***

## Revival Connection: Ongoing Posture

Meekness is not assigned to a single week of Revival 2026 because it is the posture required throughout. It is the ongoing disposition that prevents every other revival principle from being corrupted by human ambition.

Without meekness, urgency becomes manipulation. Without meekness, repentance becomes performance. Without meekness, prayer becomes demanding. Without meekness, evangelism becomes conquest. Meekness is the quality that keeps revival God-centered rather than personality-driven.

History confirms this with sobering consistency. Revivals that produced meek leaders—Edwards, Whitefield (in his later years), Roberts, the unnamed leaders of the East African Revival—sustained their fruit for decades. Revivals captured by charismatic personalities who refused surrender collapsed into scandal, division, or cult-like movements. Meekness is not optional for revival; it is the immune system that protects it from corruption.

## Strategic Question

**Where is my strength currently serving my agenda rather than God's? What authority, influence, or capacity am I withholding from His control?**

## Closing Prayer

*Lord, make us meek—strong but surrendered, capable but dependent. Crucify our need to control, dominate, or be recognized. Teach us to lead like Jesus—laying down life rather than leveraging power. Let Your kingdom advance through our yielded hearts, not through our ambitious plans. We surrender every gift, every platform, every influence to Your purposes. Use us as You used Moses—powerful because surrendered, effective because emptied. Amen.*

## Scripture Treasury

*“Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.”*

— **Numbers 12:3**

*“He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.”*

— **Philippians 2:7–8**

*“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*

— **James 4:6**

*“The meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.”*

— **Psalm 37:11**

*“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”*

— **Matthew 11:29**