

The Broken Made Whole

It Comes from Letting Go

"THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A BROKEN SPIRIT..." — PSALM 51:17

Week 3 of 8

Our goal for this series:

That we would work the steps to find wholeness and holiness.

THE STEPS

Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.

Consciously **choose** to **commit**
all my **life** and **will** to Christ's care and control.

THIS WEEK'S SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:5

PRAY // KING OF THE HILL CLIP // FEAR PEOPLE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US // ICE CREAM

Meek is...

English:

Greek: πραῦς (praus), meaning **humble** or **gentle**.
RALPH WIGGUM // This is everything we don't want to be

*The world blesses the **aggressive**.
But God blesses the **meek**!*

Jesus is drawing from Psalm 37:1-13 (p. 391)

- ▶ The wicked may have the day now, but they will be **removed**.
- ▶ Those who are left will gain possession of the land.
- ▶ God spares those who **trust** Him, live rightly, **delight** in Him, **commit** their lives to Him, and **wait** for Him.

These are the words modifying meek! what kind of strength does it take to be like this?

Only the strongest can be meek.

Star Wars Clip??? // It takes no effort at all to fly off the handle!

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

- ▶ It means submission to God's **will**.
may include passionate behavior like Jesus in the temple
- ▶ It means submission to God's **results**.
our table // no self-defense // accepting judgment from him // accepting it from others
- ▶ It means submission to God's **timing**.
He almost never acts on our timetable.

Jesus: I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

God is calling you to a life of wholeness and holiness, of strength and victory, but this is where the rubber meets the road...

Without this, the Christian life is nothing but a belief system or a moral code.

But God wants us to live, not just believe, to live not just behave, to live!

"I cannot live in victory without Christ in control of me."

This is the next logical step, but one and two are pointless without this.

SO WHAT? HAVE YOU DONE THIS?

YES:

Let your meekness measure your commitment

MAYBE SOON:

Go Public

UNSURE:

What is holding you back?

Jesus is the perfect example of strength in submission.

The world tells us we have to stand up for ourselves, but Jesus let them spit on him

The world tells us we have to press on, gain, attain, but Jesus gave up everything.

The world tells us if we give up control, we'll lose everything, but Jesus offers blessing!

Jesus: I do nothing on my own... I always do what pleases him.

John 8:29

IT TAKES THE STRENGTH OF GOD TO SUBMIT TO GOD.