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Sermon Outline

INTRODUCTION:

The Beatitudes

"The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance." Psalm 16:6

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." Philippians 2:13

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

Identify one habit, hang-up, or hurt that you want to conquer during the series. Write it down here:

While I pray commit this time to focus and experience freedom in this area of your life!

I. What is Meekness?

The Image for Meekness

"Meekness" was used to refer to animals who by nature were wild until they were broken or tamed by a skilled trainer.

Analogy: Horse Whisperer

Def.~ Meekness is strength under control

"Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master,..." Romans 6:13-14

James puts it this way "Submit yourselves, then, to God..." James 4:7

- II. What Does Meekness Entail?
- A. "Breaking" (Yielding)

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Revelation 3:20

The Holy "Spirit" – The wind, breath, whisper of God..

Elijah

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"Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper." I Kings 19:11-13

The Cross's Message on How to Approach Our Problem Areas

1. We are more wicked than we are willing to admit.

2. We are more loved than we can possibly grasp.

Christ Our Substitute