



Meek, Not Weak

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Q—Do you remember when you lost control?

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

Meek = Power under control

Matthew 11:28–30 (NIV)

Today's Be Attitude: Spiritual inner strength through His Spirit is the pathway toward divine inheritance.

Being meek not weak...

⇒ **With our** _____

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:5 (NIV)

Spiritual Practice for this Week: Find a trusted person and ask: How have I exhibited meekness and what are ways I could improve?

⇒ **With our** _____

James 1:19–20 (NIV)

James 3:5–6a (NIV)

⇒ **With our** _____

1 Peter 3:15b (NIV)

Through patience a ruler can be persuaded Proverbs 25:15a (NIV)

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Isaiah 53:7 (NIV)

Q—Are you ready to turn your weakness into meekness?

ANSWER KEY: wills, words, witness



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Respond Rather Than React*

Share Together: When were you or some you know surprised, and what was the reaction?

Reflect Together: From last weekend's Online Experience: What impacted you most from the message and what did you learn about

meekness?

Read Together: John 8:2-11

Discuss:

- Why did this woman get dragged out into the temple courts, and how would you have felt watching this happen if you were in the crowd?
- How were the religious leaders trying to trap Jesus? What was their motive?
- Have you ever been falsely accused or tricked into doing something wrong? What was the outcome? How did it affect you?
- How did Jesus practice meekness in his response to the Pharisees?
- How is there wisdom in waiting to respond over quickly reacting?
- What do you think Jesus was writing on the ground and how was his response so ingenious?
- Why do you think the religious leaders reacted the way they did following Jesus' response?
- What did Jesus mean after he forgave the woman, saying "Go now and leave your life of sin"? What do you think her response was after Jesus forgave her? What would have been your response?
- How would you have felt after Jesus forgave and empowered you to live a new life?
- How can you relate to this in your own faith journey with Jesus?

Pray Together: Share updates of how God has been answering prayer and pray for needs in your group.