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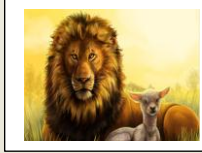
## PASTOR'S NOTES – 1. 24. 2016

### The Mission of Meekness

Unstoppable Leadership -

-the Expected Wounding of a Christ-Follower

MATTHEW 5:17-20



"True leaders don't inflict pain, they share pain." --Max DePree

### THE TEST OF TRUE LEADERSHIP

- THE PHARISEES THOUGHT THEY WERE ADHERING TO A MORE STRICT LAW.  
- THEY LED IN A WAY THAT DETERRED PEOPLE FROM THE LAW OF SALVATION.  
- THEY LED PEOPLE IN A WAY THAT DREW PEOPLE TO THEIR WAY RATHER THAN THE WAY OF THE FATHER. v.20

- JESUS CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW, TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT WAS NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL LIFE OF FOLLOWERSHIP vv. 17, 18.  
- THE WORLD HATES THE TRUTH AND WE CAN EXPECT TO BEAR THE PAIN OF CHRIST WHEN LEADING PEOPLE TO THE TRUTH. (John 15:19-23)  
- JESUS' FOLLOWERS ARE TO LEAD WITH THE SAME EXPECTATION OF HARDSHIP AS THE SON OF GOD DID. WE AS FOLLOWERS ARE NOT BETTER THAN OUR LEADER.

### THE REALITY OF FOLLOWER/LEADERSHIP

- IT IS A STRONG CALL TO ALL FOLLOWERS. MATT. 5:19  
- IT IS A CALL TO SERVICE. JOHN 13:12,13  
- IT IS A CALL TO SACRIFICE. JOHN 15: 20,21  
- IT IS A CALL TO MEEKNESS.

MATT. 9:29,30 – MANY THAT ARE FIRST SHALL BE LAST  
LUKE 9:23 – DENY HIMSELF  
MATT. 18:1-4 – HUMBLE AS A LITTLE CHILD  
MARK 10:42-45 – LEARN TO BE THE SERVANT OF ALL

IN THIS MEEKNESS WE ARE CALLED TO FOLLOW...  
IN THIS MEEKNESS WE ARE CALLED TO LEAD.

MARK 10: 45 – JESUS AS OUR LEADER/ SERVANT – EXAMPLE  
“...For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,  
and to give His life — a ransom for many...”

JESUS IN THE GARDEN – “...PUT UP YOUR SWORD...”

JESUS AT THE CROSS – “...FATHER FORGIVE THEM...”

JESUS AFTER THE RESURRECTION – “...DO YOU LOVE ME?...”

WE MUST CONSTANTLY CHECK OUR LIVES AGAINST THIS STANDARD OF LEADERSHIP  
IN JESUS – AS CHILD, AS PUPIL, AS PARENT, AS “MASTER”, AS LEADER.

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**GROWTH:** As leaders, we can lead effectively from a position of exposure or lead ineffectively from a position of self-preservation and self-betterment.

\* MEEKNESS places the Kingdom, our workers, and the mission above ourselves and produces strong leadership.

- There are those who lead out of Need – leaving us with self-centered, protected, un-teachable, unwise guidance

- And there are those lead out of the Overflow of Christ – kingdom centered, selfless, exposed, wise guidance.

**HEALING:** We cannot heal if we don't open ourselves to the healing power of Christ. He alone can be the salve to our wounds in leadership. Through MEEKNESS we expose ourselves to not only the wounding but also to the intended healing touch of Christ (Isa 61:1-3) and ready ourselves to be spilt out again for His glory. Let Him unbind the bitter, filthy binding we have applied in our own strength and allow Him to apply the Balm of Gilead and bind up our wounds.

**MULTIPLYING:** Without MEEK servant leadership, we end up multiplying ourselves – the true fruit of a meekless life (leading from Need).

- With MEEKNESS at the center of who we are, we expel our own self-centeredness, realize our Master's hand in the Multiplying and bear the fruit of leading from the overflow.

- In this way we truly multiply the person of Christ in our discipling of others rather than multiplying ourselves. We become less, He becomes more – John 3:30.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. WHEN DID YOU LAST LEAD “OUT OF NEED”?
  2. NAME SOME GREAT EXAMPLES OF MEEK LEADERSHIP FROM THE BIBLE... FROM YOUR PLACE OF WORK.
  3. DO YOU LEAD FROM A POSITION OF EXPOSURE OR FROM A POSITION OF SELF-PRESERVATION?
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